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SUPPORT – HB0742 - Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program - Funding

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB0742 - Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program - Funding** to fund the program beginning in FY2028 for \$450,000 each year. This program helps expand our childcare availability and supports childcare providers who wish to open a business. It is a win-win for our economy and our children.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We host an annual childcare summit where the childcare needs of Marylanders are discussed. Support for providers and supply is a major need across the board to support Maryland's children and have parents participate in the workforce. GOFCC will be major support and intervention to address the childcare crisis across Maryland that has been well documented .

We urge you to support HB0742 - Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program - Funding to create more childcare availability in family childcare settings.

Sincerely,

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Chair