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**Testimony in support of House Bill 1300 and Senate Bill 1000
The Blueprint for Maryland's Future
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you as a lifelong resident of the Baltimore area who has been involved in both business and education here.

Along the way I have been heavily involved in both public and private education, formally advising two Baltimore City School Superintendants, Chairing the Board of a local college, and for the last 14 years as the Chair of the Board of the Baltimore Curriculum Project, the largest charter school operator in the state of Maryland.

Through these jobs and others I have learned that well funded schools make a dramatic difference. They yield better educated children and keep children off the streets and out of trouble. Ultimately these same children become more productive members of the community.

After reading the above, it goes without saying that I strongly support House Bill 1300/Senate Bill 1000 proposing to create a world class pre K – 12 Public School system in Maryland.

Sincerely,


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