February 18, 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health and
Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Delores Kelley Senate Finance Committee 3 East, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 605 – Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students - SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Chair and Madam Chair:

Thanks you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for **SB** 605 – **Public Schools** – **Medical Cannabis** – **Guidelines for Administration to Students** introduced by Vice-Chairman Brian Feldman.

As introduced, this legislation will require the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to jointly develop guidelines for public schools on the administration of medical cannabis during school hours and school-sponsored after-school activities to students who are qualifying patients. By December 1, 2020, MSDE and the commission must provide specified technical assistance to schools and develop a process to monitor the implementation of the guidelines.

This legislation will move forward the formation of guidelines that can legally and safely direct the administration of medication that can bring hope and pain relief when no other avenue exists.

Conner and I both share the honor of being residents of Harford County and a part of the Havre de Grace High School family. Our school Motto is "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve".

Your **FAVORABLE** vote on this legislation will serve as an avenue of hope and comfort for those such as Connor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry Glassman

Harford County Executive