Testimony OPPOSED SB 1055

Good afternoon. My name is Sue Battle-McDonald. I'm a resident of Timonium, a graduate of Baltimore County Public Schools, and the mother of two recent graduates and a senior at Dulaney High School. I am also a longtime member of ABCSchools, a founding member of Friends of Dulaney High School, and the president of the Dulaney PTSA. I was active in the long effort to bring democracy to our school board.

I took off work this afternoon and made the trip down here because I feel strongly that this bill is a bad idea and should not pass. Our board vacancy will be filled soon. There is no need for this body to waste its time fixing a process that isn't broken.

Unfortunately it seems that the primary motivation for this legislation is to improve the chances that a candidate favored by some will be elected as board chairperson. State intervention in county school governance, especially for that purpose, is neither needed nor appropriate.

Thank you for your time.

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