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The Honorable Bill Ferguson President of the Senate 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson,

The Cherry Hill Development Corporation enthusiastically supports SB 630 - the Adult Education High School Pilot Program. As a nonprofit organization serving the Cherry Hill community since 1981, we have lived and witnessed the effect of inadequate or insufficient education within low-income communities.

The Adult High School will help remove critical barriers to achieving greater self-sufficiency for low- income individuals in the State of Maryland by creating a pathway to sustained employment and further education. Also, the Adult High is an important component to the Purpose-Built Communities model, adopted by the Cherry Hill community which provides a high quality, neighborhood- serving continuum for student growth, learning, and achievement at every level starting at birth and through college and beyond.

As a community partner, the Cherry Hill Development Corporation will actively and proudly support The Adult High School Pilot program in South Baltimore. We encourage the Senate to do the same.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-355-1145 or middletonmgm@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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