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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky

RE: SB 468, Baltimore County Board of Education-Annual
Budget-Conditions on Expenditures

Dear Members of the Education Committee:

The Randallstown NAACP opposes SB 468 - Baltimore County Board of Education - Annual Budget - Conditions on Expenditures. This bill will allow the Baltimore County Executive and Baltimore County Council to apply certain conditions on the Baltimore County School Board without the conditions being previously named.

May it be known, the mission of the NAACP is to secure equal rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination. The main focus of our branch is to advocate for all children in Baltimore County, especially black and brown students. The

Randallstown Branch will continue to hold all accountable for the lack of achievement of our students. We look forward to working with our Baltimore County officials to ensure our children are getting a world class education.

This bill sponsored by Senator West tries to add additional accountability and oversight from the Baltimore County government. The language in the bill is vague. Fundamentally, the bill gives authority to County government branches to amend budget and withhold funds if certain conditions aren't met. However, neither the conditions nor the procedure is elaborated in the bill. Although the Randallstown NAACP definitely favors increased accountability and the role of County government, the organization cannot support this bill due to its ambiguity.

The Randallstown NAACP strongly opposes SB 468 and we urge you to vote against passing this bill out of the Education committee.

yours,

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