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The Hon. Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 655 Local Government – County Commissioners Elections- District Voting
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Pinsky and members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously oppose HB 655 Local Government County Commissioners Elections-District Voting, which will be heard by your committee on March 23, 2021.

It is our understanding that this legislation as amended will require all counties to elect county commissioners and county boards of education within their district, and not countywide.

This legislation takes away the right of each county to determine their own choice in electing their county commissioners and county boards of education. One size does not fit all. Rural counties may have so few voters in a specific district that it would not be practical.

The County Executive and Cecil County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee find an unfavorable report on HB 655.

Sincerely;

Handwritten signature of Danielle Hornberger in blue ink.

Danielle Hornberger
Cecil County Executive

Handwritten signature of Robert Meffley in blue ink.

Robert Meffley
Council President

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