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To the Honorable Luke Clippinger, Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary and distinguished guests:

I submit this written testimony and urge a favorable report for HB93 titled, Public Safety Youth Violence Review Committee sponsored by Delegate Henson. As the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County I support authorizing a county to establish a local youth violence review committee to prevent violence and homicides involving youth assailants and youth victims by promoting cooperation among certain agencies, providing youth services, determining the causes of youth violence, and recommending certain changes; specifying that certain officials may organize a local youth violence review committee; providing the committee with access to certain information; providing that certain records obtained by the committee are confidential; etc.

Every young person, no matter who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances which surround them, should have equal access to opportunities and experiences that give them every opportunity in life. Yet, youth today do not. With 1 in 6 children living in poverty in the U.S. and a growing achievement gap, it is even more critical now that monumental change occurs. Right now, we are at a critical juncture in this history of our community, and our nation at large, as we face widening wealth, equity and opportunity gaps that limit and threaten the great futures that our young people deserve. I believe that looking to what causes youth violence, promoting collaboration and researching solutions is paramount.

With my deepest respect,

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Chief Executive Officer  
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