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House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee
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Re: Bill: **HB0939** – Education – Student Education Grant Program - Established
Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Mdm. Chairwoman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this bill.

I have three kids, two of whom are elementary-age kids, enrolled in the Baltimore County Public School System. My kids are suffering because of virtual learning. Before schools were shuttered, they were happy kids who loved school, learned, and got very good report cards. Things have changed drastically since then. They cry almost every day at the frustrations they are faced with during virtual learning. Their grades are slipping. They are more withdrawn, angry, and constantly deprecate themselves for not being smart. Simply put, **virtual school is not working for my kids.**

We have considered enrolling them in private school, but we can't afford the expense. We have a younger son in a private preschool and he is thriving. We simply can't afford to send three kids to private school.

This bill would give us the ability to send our kids to a school where they could get an education, be happy again, and regain their confidence.

I respectfully ask that you give a favorable report on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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