

## **SUPPORT HB 939**

Good afternoon Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am in full support of HB 939. As a working parent of a 2nd grader and 4th grader in the Baltimore County school system, I must say I have been thoroughly disappointed in the process and communication of the district. My children are suffering academically, socially and emotionally. My son has a 504 plan and virtual learning has definitely deprived him of the accommodations and services that he has received in the past. The leadership in our county and state has been completely unfair to the teachers, students and parents with their lack of transparency. It has made me feel very uncomfortable and apprehensive about our public school situation in general. I am extremely confused as to why other states are able to manage this situation and that Maryland can not.

I am in major favor of HB 939 because these funds will follow the student and not the administration. Most importantly, this will relieve all families in financial need and not continue to widen the equity gap in Maryland's education, which is widening exponentially during this difficult time.

Thank you for reading my testimony and I urge you to support this legislation.

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