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Bill: HB 1290 – Education - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration
Committee: House – Appropriations
Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Dear Madam Chair McIntosh, Vice Chairman Chang, and Members:

The County Commissioners of Charles County support HB 1290, and seek a favorable report from the House Appropriations Committee. This bill offers needed assistance to local governing bodies across the State as we work to identify resources for implementation of “The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future and Built to Learn Act.”

HB 1290 strikes a balance between the needs of local governments to build and maintain quality school facilities with the need to manage fiscal responsibility. The recommendations of the Workgroup on the Assessment and Funding of School Facilities appear to have been seriously considered and incorporated into the legislation. We are pleased to have reliable state funding increases and other positive policy initiatives that will help bring the Blueprint to reality in Charles County.

We encourage approval of HB 1290 with Amendments as recommended by Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), to include a future workgroup to guide facilities assessment implementation and the decision-making of the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC), as well as clarifying language to address the intention of the Local Revolving Loan Fund to forward fund both the state and local share of projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1290. We encourage your support for HB1290 with Amendments.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

County Commissioners of Charles County
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation