

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill #: SB0510

Bill Title: Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Member Compensation

February 16, 2022

**\*\*FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT\*\***

Dear Mr. Chair and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of SB0510: Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Member Compensation, **only if you amend it to actually increase the compensation of all members of the Board of Education.** Right now, the revisions increase the compensation by \$10,000 of every member except the Student Member of the Board. Anne Arundel County has been a national model for student leadership, with the student member having full voting rights for over 46 years. We remain the only county in the nation to have a student board member with full voting rights and are proud of that. Given that the Student Member of the Board contributes in the same manner as other Board members, he/she should be granted the increase to a \$18,000 scholarship so that it remains equitable. If this amendment is not made, it will go against the purpose of the bill to increase compensation for all Board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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