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Maryland House of Delegates
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In Support of HB 283: Vehicle Laws – School Bus Safety - Occupant Capacity

Members of the Maryland House of Environment & Transportation Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support students with disabilities and health challenges. We fully support HB 283, in the hopes of addressing the variety of school bus safety concerns we have heard happening within MD's counties.

Far too often school buses are rolling on Maryland's streets that are overcrowded and creating unsafe conditions for our school students. And these overcrowding conditions have further exacerbated Covid infection spread while these conditions continue to exist during the current Covid 19 pandemic. We need our school districts focused more on student safety while working to limit community spread of the Covid 19 virus now and into the coming months. It's been more than 2 years and we can't keep kicking the can of taking decisive action down the road to the next school academic year.

We trust that with the passage of such safety laws, these school bus travel conditions will be rectified as soon as it is possible. The future success and health depend of all Maryland students hinges on necessary supports and guidelines being put in place. For today and beyond as part of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Thank you all for supporting health and wellbeing of all Maryland students.

Please support House Bill 283 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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