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Testimony for Senate Bill 950
Wicomico County - Orphans' Court - Salary of Orphans' Court Judges
Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Chairman Smith and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 950 Wicomico County - Orphans' Court - Salary of Orphans' Court Judges**. This bill would increase the annual salary of an orphans' court judge for Wicomico County from \$9,500 to \$11,600. This increase would take effect at the beginning of the next terms of office.

This legislation was requested by Judges of the Orphans Court for Wicomico County with the support of the Wicomico County Council due to an increased workload that their Judges are facing, with numerous hearings being held every week. Over the last eight years since their last salary increase, the volume and complexity of their work has evolved, as well as the cost of living due to inflation.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 950.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Addie C. Eckardt".

Senator Addie C. Eckardt