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Dear Chairman Smith and Honorable Members of the Committee,

As the sole Senator of Dorchester County, I am writing in support of **Senate Bill 988** **Dorchester County - Orphans' Court - Salary and Expense Allowance of Orphans' Court Judges**. This legislation was requested by the Dorchester County Council, and would increase the annual salary of an orphans' court judge for Dorchester County to a minimum of \$6,000 and the annual expense allowance for each judge to a minimum of \$1,000.

This legislation is in response to an increased workload that the judges in Dorchester County are currently facing, with numerous hearings being held every week.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

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

Senator Addie C. Eckardt