

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

850 Hungerford Drive ◆ Room 123 ◆ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB0918

TITLE: Montgomery County - Landlord and Tenant - Tenant Access

to Cable Television Systems and Equipment MC 01-22

DATE: 3/31/22 POSITION: Support

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings/Montgomery County Senate Delegation

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports HB0918.

This bill would provide greater opportunities for individuals living in apartment buildings to determine their own internet providers. The Montgomery County Board of Education supports this bill as it will increase access to broadband for all families in Montgomery County. Due to the pandemic, MCPS had to move learning online for over a year. We quickly learned about the discrepancies in broadband and internet access in the county. This falls under the Board's priority of equity: The Montgomery County Board of Education supports providing equitable opportunities and ensuring equitable access for all students.

For these reasons, the Board **supports** this legislation and urges a favorable report.