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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB1190 – Calvert County - Civic Education - Standards and Curriculum (Social Studies Literacy Act)

Delegate Atterbeary:

I write to express my SUPPORT for a FAVORABLE report on HB1190. It is my understanding that this legislation, if passed, would include a unit on comparative studies of political ideologies and curate certain oral history resources within Calvert County schools. The laudable goals of the legislation also include instilling a sense of civic pride and desire to regularly participate with government at the local, state, and federal levels. A further objective is the formation of a basis for understanding the process for effectively engaging and advocating before governmental bodies and officials.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2200, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your consideration of my position regarding this important bill.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Gadway

cc: Calvert County Senators and Calvert County Delegation