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February 22, 2022

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

Re: HB633/Education-Accountability and Implementation Board-Membership/Letter of Support

Dear Madam Chair and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County respectfully requests your consideration to vote favorably on HB633 Education – Accountability and Implementation Board – Membership. This bill pertains to geographic diversity in membership on Maryland’s Kirwan Commission Accountability and Implementation Board.

It is imperative that all regions of the state of Maryland are represented equally on any matters concerning and pertaining to state education. Previously, there was not a representative from the Eastern Shore on the board, whereas Baltimore City and Montgomery County has had multiple representatives.

Of the eleven members of the board:

- One member shall be a resident of Western Maryland
- One member shall be a resident of Southern Maryland
- One member shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore
- There shall be one member from each of the five counties with the largest student populations in the state, which are Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties and Baltimore City

This is a county request that will ensure there is diversity and equality on Maryland’s Kirwan Commission Accountability and Implementation Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Craig N. Mathies, Sr.", written over a white background.

Craig N. Mathies, Sr.
President

Cc: Delegate Otto