

March 24, 2022

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chairman  
The Honorable Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chairman  
Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

The Honorable Venessa Atterbeary  
The Honorable Alonzo Washington  
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

**RE: Requesting UNFAVORABLE REPORT: SB 908 and HB 603 – Harford County Board of Education Membership**

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Atterbeary; Vice-Chairman Kagan and Washington  
Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

The Harford County Democratic Central Committee is opposed to any changes to the current school board, especially allowing the county executive to appoint members. County Executive appointment to the BoEdu is a conflict of interest. We are dismayed that our elected officials, with the exception of the only two Democrats in Harford, continue to push for changes that no one in the county has requested. Our school board should reflect the full range of concerns and experience of all of Harford County. We understand that a majority of the Harford County Delegation has supported this legislation, but you fail to recognize the two Delegates on the Delegation who oppose this legislation represent the most populated part of Harford County. The current hybrid Board format which includes both governor-appointed and elected members has historically provided greater diversity among Board members, from both a racial and gender perspective.

Respectfully,

Carol Bruce  
Chair of the Harford County Democratic Central Committee.