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TO: The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: House Bill 380 – *Montgomery County Board of Education - Election of Members*
MC 04-22 – Support

This bill establishes a new voting threshold for elections to the five residence-district seats on the Montgomery County Board of Education. Specifically, the bill mandates that each district member be elected by a plurality of the voters who reside in the district rather than a plurality of the voters Countywide. The bill does not impact elections for the two at-large seats on the Board. The bill is motivated by a concern that current law reflects a type of systemic inequality because voter disenfranchisement can occur in district elections when a member of the Board is elected at-large rather than by the residents of the particular district. I support House Bill 380 because it reflects a fundamental tenet of representative democracy and ensures that there will be fair elections for the five district members of the Board of Education.