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In Support of HB 154: – Public Schools – Anaphylactic Food Allergies – Guidelines and Reqs.

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support revising the state’s education regulations around developing and implementing improved food safety plans for a variety of school settings for individuals with disabilities, food allergies and behavioral health issues. Working to Reduce the risk of exposure to caustic agents that might harm those individuals and students with food allergies in classrooms and common areas of schools.

Many of the children that we represent need the vital protections of guidelines around food allergies by service providers in order to protect the health and wellbeing of our vulnerable student populations, those with disabilities, and or food allergies.

Too often children with disabilities have their services cut, curtailed or underfunded. As part of Maryland’s new Blueprint Education Law, our kids with disabilities should have all that they need to be successful in school and in life. And the process of implementing the Blueprint for our kids should include an improvement within the safety planning for these service providers across all school environments.

We trust that these improvements to the state guidelines will help to further support and protect all Maryland students. The future success and health of all of our students depends on many necessary improvements and supports being in place, during these unusual times, as we also begin the long tasks related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future and improving the lives of all our kids. Thank you all for supporting the education, health, safety and wellbeing of all students, especially those with disabilities and food allergies.

Please support House Bill 154 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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