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HB1211 Education - Compensatory Education - Maryland Neighborhood Tier System Calculation

Bill Hearing: March 14, 2023 at 1:00pm, Appropriations Committee

Chairman Ben Barnes and Vice Chair Mark S. Chang and esteemed members of the

Appropriations Committee,

Across the country we all know that our public-school systems are funded by property tax in the area. This system creates gaps between neighboring school systems that provide more resources to their students than others. The Maryland Department of Education can shift funding to more needed areas such as schools that are located in low-income neighborhoods that require more funding to support the students.

This bill will enable the State to see which Maryland Neighborhoods are doing better than others to see where the funding should be allocated based on the tier system that will be created by the Maryland Department of Education. House Bill 1211 will allow us to combat poverty and aid our students in their needs to receive the best education. The tier system will enable the State to

weigh each student differently based on their living situation. HB1211 will allow the State to support our future generations educational needs for many years to come when this bill passes.

I strongly urge a favorable report on House Bill 1211.

Sincerely,

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