Dear Senator McCray,

My name is Laura Hohn and I am an Instructional Assistant at Monocacy Valley Public Charter School. Our school was the first charter school in Maryland opening in the fall of 2002! I really appreciate your sponsorship of SB0646 <u>School Construction - Public Charter School Facility Fund -</u> <u>Establishment</u>. This bill is so important for our public charter school system which serves more than 24,000 students in Maryland. Currently, as a charter school we do not receive any facilities funding. We have to use some of our annual per pupil allotment (PPA) and a lot of fundraising to be able to pay rent in a very old building to house the school. Our public charter school, the teachers and staff, the students and community as a whole would benefit greatly to receive funding from SB0646.

Thank you so much for your support!!

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