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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 300

Bill Title: Baltimore City Young Readers Program – Expansion and Alterations

Hearing Date: February 22, 2023, Education, Energy, and the Environment

Greetings, Chair Feldman, Madame Vice Chair, and all members of the Committee

It is with great honor that I present to you, Senate Bill 300. This bill is cross-filed with HB243. As members of the Senate, we know how fundamental reading and comprehension skills are to success. It is imperative that we use our positions of power to positively impact the future of our children. The Baltimore City Young Readers Program prepares the children of Baltimore City with speed, proper expression, and fluency. As a father of four, it is critical to instill the importance of education in my children. Being able to witness the impact of this program has encouraged its expansion statewide.

The purpose of the program is to educate children, provide the proper tools to improve their reading skills, and administer free high-quality books to children in Maryland. The Baltimore City Young Readers program has made an impact on plenty of children within the city. It is time to extend our influence by expanding the program statewide.

If approved the Young Readers Matching Grant Program will provide the following:

- Support the establishment and operation of affiliated services.
- Contribution of an amount equal to the amount of funding provided for the operation of an affiliated service.

It is imperative that we implement any necessary recourses to improve the literacy skills of children in our state. For these reasons I respectfully request your support in approving Senate Bill 300.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke.

Cory V. McCray
State Senator