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February 16, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
The Honorable Dana Stein  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0849 – School Bus Stop – Violations – Enforcement and Safety Measures-Letter of Opposition.

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously oppose HB 0849 – School Bus Stop – Violations – Enforcement and Safety Measures. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on February 23, 2023.

It is our understanding that this legislation will require a law enforcement agency to issue a warning for certain first violations on State highways enforced by school bus monitoring cameras; and requiring the State Highway Administration to develop a certain plan for improved safety measures at certain school bus stops in Montgomery County and to report its findings to certain persons on or before December 31, 2023.

Cecil County is concerned that vehicles not stopping for a school bus would only be subject to a warning instead of an immediate fine. We believe that this motor vehicle violation is serious, and violators should be subject to an immediate fine.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Environment and Transportation Committee send an unfavorable report on HB 0849.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hornberger".

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County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory  
President of County Council