

SB 628 - OPPOSE

Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and Finance Committee members-

Thank you for your time. I am writing to request an unfavorable report for SB 628 and here is why-

MOLD

NO CLEAN DRINKING WATER

RUNDOWN

FLOODING

OUTDATED

NO HEAT

NO A/C

We could make a stack to the ceiling of issues right here in our Maryland schools that need to be addressed before we even consider expanding school health centers. The very school buildings that we send our kids to spend 6+ hours a day in are making them sick! They are missing precious hours and days of instruction because of chronic HVAC problems! Schools are struggling to meet children's BASIC educational, social, and nutritional needs. Even if the funding had to stay in health centers, I am sure that we can find a way to spend nine million dollars on something that will address children's ACTUAL urgent health needs. I can tell you frankly that SB 628's proposal feels very out of touch with the realities of Maryland's school buildings and the needs of the children in this state. We don't even have the basic school infrastructure required for health. Far from it.

I won't pretend to know exactly how all of this funding and allocation works, but I do know that the priority of the Blueprint and the priority of the legislature is MARYLAND'S KIDS and serving their needs as best we can. Quite simply, SB 628 does not align with that. Thank you.

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