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Maryland House of Delegates
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In Support of HB 78 with Amendments: Public Schools - Food Allergies Guidelines

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates, Ways and Means Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members, many with a variety of disabilities, fully support these guidelines for food allergens within public school settings listed within HB 78.

Many of our children have a variety of allergies to foods and we trust that the MGA is doing all that it can to protect our children during school hours and on school grounds. And as an issue of equity within the education space, we trust that you all will approve a list of standards, and training that will help to safeguard students safety in all public school buildings.

We would like to encourage board of education members, educators, school staff, school building administrators and school medical staff to partner with their local county health departments to develop food safety protocols within all school settings. Cross contamination and other safety protocols are something that should be discussed and adopted by all Maryland public schools to ensure student safety during the school day.

The future of Maryland's students and their futures requires your support today and into the future of Maryland. Please let us support ALL of our students now, and into the future.

Please support House Bill 78 and we ask the committee to return a favorable report with amendments.

Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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