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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Delegate
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support – House Bill 740, “Education – Accountability and Implementation Board – Membership

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for House Bill 740 entitled “Education – Accountability and Implementation Board – Membership” for the purpose of altering the membership and qualifications of members of the Accountability and Implementation Board; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee to submit a certain slate of nominees to the Governor on or before a certain date; and, generally relating to the membership of the Accountability and Implementation Board.

Currently Baltimore City and Montgomery County have multiple representatives on Maryland’s Kirwan Commission Accountability and Implementation Board; however, there are no representatives from the Eastern Shore. The County Council respectfully asks that you vote favorably on this legislation to ensure that all regions of the State of Maryland are represented equally on any matters concerning and pertaining to state education as follows: 1) one member shall be a resident of Western Maryland; 2) one member shall be a resident of Southern Maryland; 3) one member shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore; and, 4) there shall be one member from each of the five counties with the largest student populations in the state, which are Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties and Baltimore City.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions, please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

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The Honorable Christopher T. Adams, Delegate
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The Honorable Tom Hutchinson, Delegate