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Prince George's County Public Schools - Office of Integrity and Compliance Establishment PG 501-23

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Dr. Donna Christy

My name is Dr. Donna Christy. I am the President of the Prince George's County Educators Association, representing 9000 members across the county. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB437.

As a member of the Workgroup for Prince George's County Public Schools Board Governance and Structure I feel confident our recommendations reflect the best interest of PGCPS, students, educators, and our community stakeholders.

An independent Office of Accountability and Compliance led by an Inspector General appointed by the County Council is a vital step to building trust, transparency, and collaboration.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB437.