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Maryland House of Delegates
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Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 56: Public Schools – Dual Language Education, Training and 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 and are primarily Spanish speaking households, fully support HB 56.

Many of our children, especially those in military households, come from a variety of cultures from across the world. And live in a variety of cultural settings. We are on board with the idea of Maryland adopting best practices from other state's programs related to training and teaching a variety of world language programs.

As we grow our education system and include many groups that have not been included in our state's school systems requires that we change and evolve as an education system. These kinds of "Maryland's Blueprint for the Future" based and inclusive programs will be transformative for our school systems on a systemwide/statewide basis.

The futures of all 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 56 and we ask the committee to return a favorable report.

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

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