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February 29, 2024

The Honorable Ben Barnes  
The Honorable Mark S. Chang  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 121  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0704 - Primary and Secondary Education – Education Savings Account Program – Established  
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Barnes, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support HB 0704 - Primary and Secondary Education – Education Savings Account Program – Established. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled for March 6, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing the Education Savings Account program in the State administered by the State Department of Education; providing that the State shall deposit into an account of an eligible student a certain percentage of the per pupil amount of State and local funds for each education program in the resident school district for which the eligible student would be included in the enrollment count; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

Cecil County supports this, and any bill, that creates programs that offers assistance to help us promote saving accounts for education.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Appropriations Committee send a favorable report on HB 0704.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger  
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory  
President of County Council