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March 1, 2024

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0937 – Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program - Established
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support SB 0937 - Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program – Established. The Hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 6, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program to provide grants to local school systems for employees who pledge to fulfill a certain service obligation as a full-time teacher in the State; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and to take certain actions to develop and implement the Program; establishing the eligibility for certain teacher candidates in the Program and requiring teacher candidates to be paid a certain rate and offered certain benefits under the Program and so forth.

Cecil County is very concerned about the number of future educators needed in Maryland and this program will help aid in the recruitment of educators. Cecil County supports this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Education, Energy and Environment Committee send a favorable report on SB 0937.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council