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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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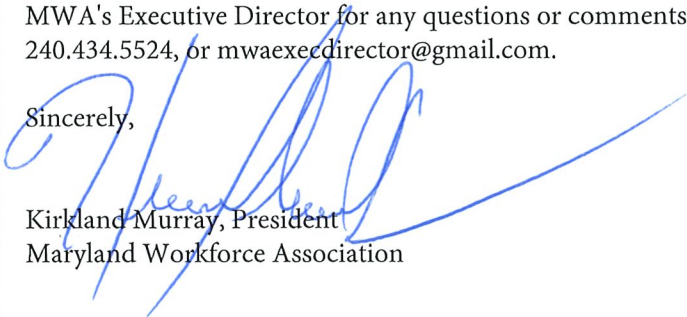
Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

I am writing to express the Maryland Workforce Association, an association of Maryland's 13 local workforce boards, support for **Senate Bill 1035: Focusing Federal Career and Technical Education Act Funds on Blueprint School-to-Work Apprenticeship Goals Act**. The measure will align federal CTE investments and planning with the State's Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

The Association has worked closely with the CTE Committee within the Governor's Workforce Development Board to carry out the career exploration and education requirements of the Blueprint. For instance, the local workforce boards are spearheading career counseling initiatives within the school systems in Maryland's communities. We are also working closely with the Sponsor of this measure to provide apprenticeship opportunities for youth and adults.

In short, this measure ensures the steps that Maryland has taken in implementing the Blueprint thus far continue to thrive under the alignment of federal Perkins funding. Therefore, we respectfully request the Committee's favorable consideration of this bill. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Brandon Butler, MWA's Executive Director for any questions or comments about our position. He can be reached at 240.434.5524, or mwaexecdirector@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Kirkland Murray, President
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