



March 28, 2024

The Honorable Will Smith  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building – 2 East  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
Room 101 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Support for SB 002 Juvenile Law - Child in Need of Supervision - Mandatory Petition  
(NyKayla Strawder Memorial Act)**

Dear Chair Smith, Chair Clippinger, and Committee Members,

The Committee for Montgomery (CfM) apologizes for missing the deadline to submit written testimony on SB 002 but wanted to express our support for this important piece of legislation. CfM is a coalition of leaders representing a broad cross-section of Montgomery County business, labor, education, civic, arts, and community-based organizations advocating on issues of importance to Montgomery County and the State.

CfM supports SB002 requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 13 years is either delinquent or a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim; and requiring a law enforcement officer to forward a complaint alleging that a child under the age of 13 years committed an act that resulted in the death of a victim to the Department of Juvenile Services for appropriate action.

Cfm believes that measures like SB 002 will help our communities and provide a suitable response to circumstances involving our youth.

The Committee for Montgomery (CfM) urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB002.

Sincerely yours,

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Issues Chair