February 7, 2025

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

RE: Support for HB0736 School Construction – Local Cost-Share – Alterations

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the House Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of House Bill 0736, School Construction - Local Cost-Share - Alterations.

Kent County Middle School is the only one in the county. The roof leaks, the rooms are either hot or cold, and school has closed twice this year (so far) for plumbing issues. My grandson was told to try not to use the bathroom or if he had to, not to flush. It's unacceptable but these kids are being punished because our county can't afford to pay for this project on our own. We need your help.

Thank you, Robert Behr Chestertown, MD robbi@busloadofbooks.com