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Written Testimony for the Maryland General Assembly in reference to HB 1461, HB 1245, SP852:

The purpose of my written testimony is to support the current AASCE Career Coach positions in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (middle & high). As the current School & Community Liaison in the College Career Center at Severna Park High School, I have worked directly with Marissa Heuer, an AASCE Career Coach.

Ms. Heuer works collaboratively with several different departments to provide career exploration and support for all our students. The comprehensive curriculum timeline allows the career coach to have multiple touchpoints with every student in every grade. During these visits, she successfully shares and encourages students to seek out the many resources within our school available to them. This in-person interaction is critical in our schools to provide all students with information on who, what, and where they can get support in navigating their next steps to a promising career future. Ms. Heuer not only provides career preparation through classes, small groups, and individual student meetings, she actively connects students with other programs and staff throughout the school and community.

These monthly meetings with the College Career Readiness team allow us to share and collaborate throughout departments (AVID, Counseling, College Career Center, Classroom Teachers, Signature, Work Based Learning, and Career Technical Education). This monthly meeting to brainstorm and share encourages great partnership with colleagues. In turn the students benefit from a wide range of integrated experiences and opportunities supported by the different departments.

I strongly support this invaluable program for our incredible AACO students. My position is unfavorable for the following bills: HB 1461, HB 1245, SP852.

Thank you for your consideration,

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