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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Opposition to SB 852 - Protecting Career Counseling
for Maryland Students

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Education,
Energy, and the Environment Committee and the Budget and
Taxation Committee,

As a Career Coach, Small Business Owner and Parent
working directly with Maryland's students, I am writing to
express my strong opposition to SB 852, which would
eliminate the Career Counseling Program for Middle and
High School Students. This program is critical in preparing
young people for their future careers, connecting them with
real-world workforce opportunities, employer networks, and

in-demand Career pathways. Eliminating it would be a significant step backwards for Maryland's students, workforce, and economy.

As a career coach, I work with students, employers, and educators to ensure young people understand Career options, apprenticeships, and workforce training opportunities. Removing this program would:

- **Hurt students** by limiting their access to career exploration, job readiness training, and employer connections.
- **Hurt Employers** who rely on a skilled talent pipeline to meet workforce demands in high-growth industries.
- **Hurt Maryland's Economy**, as students graduate without clear pathways into family-sustaining careers, leading to higher unemployment and skills gaps.

Rather than eliminating a program that is already proving successful, Maryland should be investing further in Career coaching and workforce-aligned career counseling. I urge you to reject SB 852 and preserve the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students. Maryland must continue investing in the future of its students, ensuring they have the knowledge, skills, and support necessary to thrive in their careers and contribute to our state's economy.

As BOTH a Mom and Small Business Owner, education and opportunities are vital to opening doors for the next generation of minds. It is critical that our children and young adults make a connection between education and all the careers that are available to them. As a young child, I was encouraged to thrive through education from the working professionals in my own family, which include: Retired P.A.'s, Head Nurses, Educators, Nuclear Physicists, Postal Workers, Government Workers, Mail Carriers, All Branches of the Military and Paralegals. Due to early nurturing of education and career development, I earned a partial scholarship in Elementary School and became a Nationally Certified Personal Trainer and Kettlebell Coach.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to share more about how Career coaching is positively impacting students across Maryland.

Sincerely,

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