



Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Dear Senator Feldman, Senator Kagan, and members of the Committee:

I would like to express my support for crossover bill **HB 1122: Office of Child Care Advisory Council - Membership - Alterations**, which would give a representative from the library world a voice on the Council, to its benefit.

Reducing child poverty and improving early childhood education are both critical goals for the betterment of Maryland as a whole. Libraries' mission is to assist with both - that mission, and our ubiquity throughout the State makes us invaluable partners. Being as we are dedicated to fostering early childhood literacy, and with the flexibility and resources to greatly empower such efforts, we can provide significant assistance as well as a boots-on-the-ground perspective. All we ask for is a chance to help.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of Maryland's libraries.

Sincerely,

Thomas Vose
Director, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County