



TESTIMONY FOR HB0118 Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Mireku-North

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0118 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Despite the Blueprint legislation and the Maryland Educator Shortage Reduction Act, Maryland continues to experience a teacher shortage. Teaching is not a relatively high-paying occupation, and it has become much more fraught with the possibility of having to deal with school board and parent overreach into classrooms in an era of pandemics and other disruptions.

The Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact facilitates teachers working in another member state without having to meet additional certification requirements. Teachers benefit from the greater possibility of moving to another school system in another state to suit their needs, without having to meet new requirements. Hopefully, these teachers come to Maryland!

We find this legislation necessary to the state's ability to effectively teach our future generations and to meet the goals set out in the Blueprint.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee