



**Caring For Maryland's Most
Important Natural Resource™**

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The Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) is a non-profit, statewide, professional association incorporated in 1984 to promote the growth and development of child care and learning centers in Maryland. MSCCA has over 5500 members working in the field of child care/early childhood education. We believe children are our most important natural resource and work hard to advocate for children, families and for professionalism within the early childhood community.

Testimony: HB 1122 Office of Child Care Advisory Council- Membership-Alterations

Submitted to: Ways and Means Committee

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Maryland State Child Care Association fully supports HB 1122.

The Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council helps shape and guide the goals and operations of the office by reviewing proposed regulations related to the care of children, recommending policy priorities, and identifying issues of importance to child care providers and consumers.

As Co-Chair of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council, MSCCA enthusiastically welcome representative for the Association of Public Library Administrators. The wealth of community engagement and resources they bring to early childhood policies and opportunities in the communities will enhance the Council.

Designating a seat for Library Administrators will ensure the Council has engagement from a trusted resource that foster literacy development, imagination, and a love for reading. Additionally, libraries offer safe spaces for social interaction, educational programs for children and families, and a foundation for lifelong learning and resources.

Finally, libraries provide technology and computer access, which is free to children and families allowing equal access to learning materials regardless of socioeconomic background. The addition will help the Council with their charge and enhance perspectives.

MSCCA requests a favorable report.