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SUPPORT – HB0862 – Child Care Affordability Commission – Establishment

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB0862 – Child Care Affordability Commission – Establishment** which will establish the Child Care Affordability Commission to study and make recommendations regarding child care affordability in the state. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct community needs assessments and address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. This bill will address the challenges families and children face finding affordable quality childcare in Maryland.

In September 2024, the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards and the Anne Arundel Early Childhood Childcare Taskforce hosted the first annual statewide summit and third annual county summit to bring awareness to needs for the childcare ecosystem. Affordability has become one of the barriers for parents finding childcare, which directly impacts their ability to work, and was also identified as a need by the Comptroller of Maryland. [One of the recommendations](#) from this summit was to create a commission to examine the affordability and availability of childcare. We believe a commission will allow the opportunity for the state to identify and solve issues that make childcare unaffordable for parents.

We urge you to support HB0862 – Child Care Affordability Commission – Establishment to support establishing the Child Care Affordability Commission.

Sincerely,

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Chair