

To the honorable members of the House Appropriations committee

When considering HB1430 , Maryland Public Charter School Program - School Facilities – Funding, in the strongest possible terms encourage passage of this bill .

Children enrolled in Charter School are entitled to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by all Maryland students.

Presently the state of Maryland spends nearly 908 million dollars annually for school construction (actual \$907,901,000 per IAC Maryland.gov 2025). Are not Charter school students Maryland residents also ? Are they not worthy of equal consideration? Should their education budget be reduced to pay for building maintenance and construction projects ?

As the local Board of Education is often hostile to any funding of charter schools. Example is Garrett county where following a BOE approval of a Charter school and curriculum. The Administration and coordinator refused , delayed and stalled funding for nearly two years until finally the school gave up. Swan Meadow Heritage Charter school withdrew it's application for lack of funding.

As quoted in the Baltimore City Schools New upon a recent court ruling concerning charter school funding “ City Schools traditional schools to lose \$19M in critical supports for most vulnerable learners under State charter funding proposal “ This “ loss “ is merely the funding of Maryland Students.

The hope of these children lies in their appeal to the Maryland Legislature. Fail them not.

Charter school children are entitled to the full benefits of a Maryland School Education and should not have to suffer diminished funding for seeking a superior education. These children look to you as equal providers to all children .

Shall you answer them they to are deserving as much as any other child ?

Vote YES , on passage of

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