

## Written Testimony in Support of HB1430

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Good afternoon Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Debbie Nnameka. I am a parent, a community member in Frederick County, and the President of the Board of Trustees at Frederick Classical Charter School. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1430.

**At its core, this bill is about fairness and educational equity.**

Charter school students are public school students. Their families pay the same taxes, and their teachers are serving the same public mission of educating Maryland's children. Yet charter schools often operate with significantly fewer resources.

The funding adjustment proposed in this bill would help address that gap. Even with this adjustment, charter schools like ours would still receive less per student than many traditional public schools. This bill does not equalize funding. It simply moves us closer to a fairer distribution of resources.

Despite these constraints, our teachers and staff continue to provide a strong educational environment for our scholars and produce competitive results. They do this because they believe deeply in serving every child, every day.

But if we truly believe in that principle, then we must ensure that all public school students are supported fairly, regardless of which public school they attend.

HB1430 helps move us closer to that goal by ensuring that charter school students and the educators who serve them have access to the resources needed to continue their success.

**Because at the end of the day, this is not about charter schools or district schools. It is about making sure every public school student in Maryland is treated fairly.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.