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I am in support of Senate Bill 15, Senator Jackson's bill allowing the Baltimore County Council to expand the authority of the Baltimore County Inspector General to include the Baltimore County Public School system.

TABCO members have spoken through their legislative body- the Representative Assembly- to support this bill, and I am honored to be here today to bring their voices forward.

Firstly, we applaud the structure of this bill: allowing the county council to make this decision is the right move. We have an expanding council to be elected soon. Let these new leaders consider this question, let them hold hearings, let the community be part of the discussion- all of that is "small d" democratic, and the right kind of policy for our county and state.

Second, let me talk about trust. Over 100,000 families entrust their children to BCPS because they trust the school leaders who care for those children. The possibility of increasing oversight of BCPS would deepen the trust that the people of Baltimore County have in their school system. The possibility of an additional set of eyes making sure everything is right puts people at ease, as it should. This also provides a nonbiased avenue to address concerns that may arise.

We think the structure and aim of this bill makes sense for Baltimore County and we support SB 15s passage.

Thank you