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**SUPPORT – HB649 - Advancing Equal Educational Opportunities for All Students in Maryland**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB649 - Advancing Equal Educational Opportunities for All Students in Maryland** to authorize the Commission on Civil Rights to enforce a prohibition against discrimination and retaliation in educational institutions based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or marital status. All of our students are entitled to safe learning environments.

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. We work closely alongside our local education agencies to identify the needs and gaps of students in our schools. Discrimination in educational institutions has no place in Maryland.

**We urge you to support HB649 - Advancing Equal Educational Opportunities for All Students in Maryland** to ensure students have discrimination free learning environments.

Sincerely,

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Chair