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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support for **Senate Bill 835** – Cecil County

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Cecil County, I write to express support for **Senate Bill 835**.

**SB 835** provides Cecil County with the authority to establish compensation for judges of the Cecil County Orphans' Court, subject to a statutory minimum, and to provide additional compensation for the Chief Judge and an annual travel allowance. This legislation represents a practical and locally responsive update to existing law.

The responsibilities of the Orphans' Court continue to evolve in complexity and administrative demand. Providing local flexibility in setting compensation allows the County Council to evaluate judicial workload, operational expectations, and fiscal considerations in a responsible manner. The bill does not mandate increased compensation but ensures that Cecil County has the authority to modernize its compensation structure when appropriate.

SB 835 reflects sound governance. It respects local control while maintaining statutory guardrails, and it supports the continued effective administration of justice within Cecil County.

For these reasons, Cecil County respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 835.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Streight", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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