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for Maryland's children, youth and families**

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SUPPORT – HB0915 - Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB0915 - Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care** to establish the Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care to identify the types of resources available for youth who have aged out of foster care to help them achieve self-sufficiency.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We work with foster youth who experience many barriers to achieving self-sufficiency. HB0915 seeks to bring 15 young people, ages 18 to 25 who are in the process of or have already aged out of the Maryland foster care system, together in a workgroup with state agencies, service providers, and advocates to identify supportive mechanisms for after leaving the system. It is incredibly important to center youth voice in this conversation to improve the systems that impact them.

We urge you to support HB0915 - Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care to identify resources for youth aging out of foster care and identify the challenges of current services and to center youth voice.

Sincerely,

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Chair