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The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 1418 – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Employing Individuals
Charged with Crimes – Prohibition

Dear Chairwoman Wilkins and Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I write to express support for House Bill 1418.

The safety and well-being of students must remain the highest priority for our schools and the communities they serve. House Bill 1418 strengthens existing protections by ensuring that individuals who have been charged with serious crimes that could endanger children are not placed in positions where they may have access to students while those charges are pending.

Parents entrust schools with the care and supervision of their children each day. This trust requires clear safeguards that prevent individuals facing serious criminal charges from working in school environments where students could be placed at risk. HB 1418 reinforces that principle by applying consistent standards to both public and nonpublic schools.

The bill also appropriately extends these protections to contractors and subcontractors who provide services within school facilities. Many individuals working on school grounds, such as transportation personnel, maintenance staff, and service providers, interact regularly with students. Ensuring that contractors follow the same safety standards as school employees is a commonsense step that closes potential gaps in student protection.

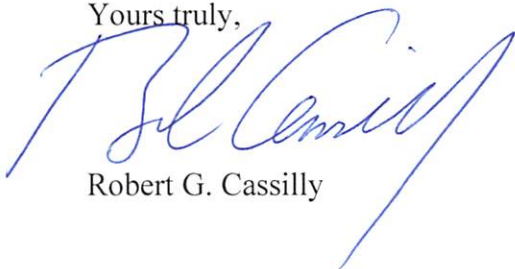
Additionally, the bill establishes reasonable accountability measures for employees who fail to disclose qualifying criminal charges, reinforcing the importance of transparency and responsibility for those entrusted with working around children.

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Harford County strongly supports policies that enhance student safety and provide clear guidance to school systems on protecting students. HB 1418 represents a thoughtful and practical step toward strengthening those protections.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 1418.

Yours truly,

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Robert G. Cassilly