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Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark,
and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

My name is Delegate Debra Davis, and I am here on behalf of the Charles County Delegation to respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1493 concerning student bus transportation providers and the displacement process.

This legislation addresses gaps in the current displacement framework by establishing clear standards and timelines. The bill clarifies that displacement does not include providers whose contracts were not renewed for cause, or who acted in a manner that threatened safety or violated contractual obligations.

House Bill 1493 promotes transparency by requiring a public hearing outlining the reasons for displacement and ensures that providers receive notice of the hearing at least 45 days in advance. The legislation has been updated to require that an official displacement notice be mailed within one year following the hearing and no less than two years prior to any displacement action, providing sufficient time for transition planning.

Additionally, the bill requires that the Charles County Board of Education either compensate the displaced provider in an amount equal to their earnings over the previous two-year period or negotiate an alternative notice period and compensation agreement.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1493 and stand ready to address any questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Davis".

Delegate Debra Davis, Esq.
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