

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Mike McKay
Maryland House of Delegates
1-C Allegany / Washington

Dear Delegate McKay:

As facilitator of the Bridges to Opportunity community initiative in Allegany County, I am writing in support of HB1363 (Human Services - Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission). Over the last five years we have used a collaborative approach to build resources and promote opportunities for individuals and the community. The need for a coordinated approach to multigenerational poverty is clear.

Through both agencies providing services and individuals living in generational poverty, we have heard of barriers posed by lack of coordination across sectors. For example, the provision of childcare during programs that may help a single parent get ahead, is not standard practice.

Relationships are important to families living in poverty and our systems would benefit by providing services to create resilience among all generations in the family. Helping parents become self-sufficient while creating hope for a child's future will increase the stability of our community overall.

Thank you for sponsoring HB1363. I support the bill and look forward to the authorization of the Commission and its partnership with local jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



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