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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair

Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Re: Senate Bill 382 – Harford County- Board of Education – Terms of Appointed Members

Position: Favorable

Dear Chairman Pinsky and EHEA Committee Members,

SB 382 with proposed amendments would change the appointing authority to the Harford County Board of Education from the Governor to the Harford County Executive with approval of the Harford County Council. This change is intended to bring appointment decisions closer to the local level and require collaboration between the executive and legislative branches of county government.

Currently, most public feedback regarding school board decisions takes place during the public input sessions of the county council, this amendment would give them a say in the process. SB 382 would also keep the staggered term of the three appointed members that would be chosen during the U.S. Presidential election year.

I respectfully ask for a favorable vote on SB 382 with the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion

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