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The Hon. Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support
SB 823 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation

Dear Senator Pinsky and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously support SB 823 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation, which was scheduled for a committee hearing on February 10, 2021. We apologize that this letter was delayed.

This legislation increases the number of terms that members of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve from two terms of 4 years to three terms of 4 years. The Bill also raises board members' compensation from \$4,000 to \$5,500 for the Board President and from \$3,500 to \$5,000 for other board members.

This Bill impacts Cecil County only. Having board members to serve an additional term keeps members who are well experienced. In addition, the current compensation for Cecil County Board of Education members is among the lowest in the State. If this Bill does not pass, board members will continue to be able to serve for two terms and continue to receive a lower compensation for their very important service to public schools.

The Cecil County Executive and County Council respectfully request that the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to consider a favorable report on SB 823.

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Sincerely;

Robert Meffley
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