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**Support HB 439 – Institute for Innovation and Implementation-Pregnant, Expecting and Parenting Students- Data Collection and Report**

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 439 instituting a pilot program in 5 jurisdictions to evaluate model policy to improve the educational outcomes of our 2000 Maryland students who are pregnant or parenting each year. Currently 60% of pregnant and parenting students leave school before they graduate and over 60% of the families that they form live below the poverty line. Given the well-documented advantages to earning at least a High School Diploma in the job market, I hope that this committee will give HB 439 a favorable report in order to increase the odds that parenting students achieve this academic goal and can better provide for themselves and their children.

Sincerely,

Delegate Michele Guyton