

Written Testimony- Against HB 192

I am a life time resident of Baltimore County and a graduate of BCPS. I one-hundred percent oppose HB 192. I ask you to vote unfavorably to this bill.

Student Member of the Board (SMOB) do not have the legal capacity to vote in an election. They are not considered adults per the law and should not have the right to vote here either.

SMOB's are typically elected by a very small percentage of the Middle and High School population. They are not a representative of the entire student population.

No 15–18-year-old should have the authority to make decisions on a \$2+ billion budget. They are not equipped to handle decisions of this magnitude.

Students only serve for a one-year term and they does not give them enough time to learn all of the parts and pieces to such a large budget.

It is a conflict of interest to allow a student to be able to vote on decisions that directly impact him/her and their teachers.

I implore you to vote unfavorable to this bill.