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Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Chair Brian Feldman
Vice Chair Cheryl Kagan
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 851 – Public Schools – Interscholastic Athletics – Student Eligibility Waiver and School Classification

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the EEE Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 851. This bill authorizes a local board of education to waive the eligibility requirement for high school interscholastic athletics that the student be enrolled at and attend a member school if (1) the student attends a public school in the county that is not the student’s zoned or “home” school, (2) the public school the student attends does not have an interscholastic athletics program, and (3) the student meets all other eligibility requirements established by the local board of education and the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA).

This legislation simply affords the opportunity to play interscholastic sports to all public high school students, including those that attend nontraditional public school, such as a magnet or technical school where sports are not offered.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Corderman".

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