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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0851 – Public Schools – Interscholastic Athletics – Student Eligibility Waiver and School Classification
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously oppose SB 0851 - Public Schools – Interscholastic Athletics – Student Eligibility Waiver and School Classification. The Hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 6, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is authorizing a county board of education to waive a certain eligibility requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics at a Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association member school for students who attend certain public high schools; and requiring a county superintendent of schools to report to the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association the school enrollment of member schools in grades 9, 10, and 11 in a certain manner.

We believe that the decision to waive a certain eligibility requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics may create disparities for our student athletics at certain schools. Cecil County opposes this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Education, Energy and Environment Committee send an unfavorable report on SB 0851.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory
President of County Council