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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0984 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Alterations

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0984, Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Alterations

I am proud to support this bill submitted by my Senator Karen Lewis Young. It will strengthen the implementation of the Blueprint for Education by making necessary changes to continue to achieve the goals but do that in a more effective and efficient way.

The bill will change how the Secretary of Labor prioritizes activities, programs, and services in the administration of the business of the Maryland Department of Labor that assist in achieving a more effective implementation of the Blueprint. It will shift responsibilities from the Accountability and Implementation Board to the State Board of Education on the approval of some specifications for teachers for spending time outside the classroom. It will make the State BOE control the approval of career ladders for our teachers.

This bill reorganizes responsibilities under the Blueprint to ensure a more effective and efficient implementation of the mandates within the Blueprint. It will facilitate needed changes to achieve those goals.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0984.