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House Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 656, which would modify the redistricting process for Board of Education districts.

Under the current system, County Council and Board of Education districts are aligned in Baltimore County. This creates a very logical arrangement that is easily understood by all stakeholders. Candidly, I receive more questions about school issues than perhaps any other topic, and it is extremely helpful to be able to refer these to the Board of Education member who shares my district.

Not surprisingly, the principal Senate sponsor of this legislation did not actively seek input from the Baltimore County Council. Very few know this has been proposed.

The Baltimore County Council will expand in 2026 by two seats. The logical change is to simply add two additional Board of Education districts that align with the Council districts.

I urge an unfavorable vote on Senate Bill 656.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Marks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Marks
County Councilman