

Dear Delegate \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in the \_\_\_\_ district. I'm writing you today (*as an educator/parent/constituent/student/concerned citizen/member of the Baltimore Movement Of Rank and file Educators (BMORE)*) to express my support for Delegate Washington's HB557, and to **urge you to hold a hearing in your subcommittee on the bill**. HB557 would require that expenditures from the Education Trust Fund to primary and secondary education be *in addition to*, and *may not supplant*, general funds provided for State aid for education.

HB557 will provide additional funding **as soon as legislatively possible**. That revenue will help the state make an immediate down payment on meeting the \$2.9 billion funding gap facing the state's public schools, even as we wait for the Kirwan Commission to announce its recommended changes to the state's funding formula later this year.

**Maryland students need these resources ASAP, not over a 4-year phase in**, and I hope that you will ensure they have what they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Sincerely,

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