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Jacqueline Boone Allsup	7370 Anon Lane	Glen Burnie,	21060	No	Anne Arundel County NAACP	Attached is the testimony of the Anne Arundel County NAACP concerning the AACPS Board of Education's reallocation of funding for transportation positions to other positions.	Yes

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SUBJECT:

Amendment to the AACPS Budget

TESTIMONY:

The NAACP has used the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Equity Lens to evaluate the reallocation of funds from transportation positions to positions described as mental health positions. We sought to evaluate the equity impact of both funding choices.

Prior to performing this evaluation, our Education Committee reviewed multiple references. The full analysis and list of references are online at the Anne Arundel County NAACP Education Committee's website; <http://annearundelcountynaacp.org/aac-naacp-statement-on-boe-trans-cuts.html>

Based on the application of the Equity Lens, we conclude the following:

- Defunding either the transportation positions or the school counselor, school psychologist, and teacher specialist positions have profound and severe equity implications.
- The equity impacts of not funding the transportation positions are potentially much broader and more severe than the equity impacts of not funding the school counselor, school psychologist, and teacher specialist positions.

We therefore ask the Anne Arundel County Council to take the following actions:

- Preserve the transportation position by rejecting the Board of Education amendment to transfer the funding to the school counselor, school psychologist, and teacher specialist positions.
- Find additional funding to restore the school counselor, school psychologist, and teacher specialist positions.

The above statements concur with the statement from ACT, of which NAACP is a member, and the joint statement from the NAACP and eight other Anne Arundel civil rights and faith organizations. Those statements are also available at the Education Committee Web Site.