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Prior Testimony from 6/16 Meeting											
2025-07-06 19:51:02	Douglas	Lagarde	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		Prior testimony from 6/16 Meeting	Support	<p>This testimony is in support of Bill 54-25. The bill is not listed as an option in the drop down menu above so I am including it here. If there is another way to do this, please let me know and I will comply.</p> <p>Presentation to the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland Doug Lagarde, Head of School, Severn School Monday, July 7, 2025</p> <p>As Head of Severn School since 2006, I oversaw the merger with Chesapeake Academy in 2013. At that time, it was clear that most of the facility would need to be replaced. Approximately 80% of the structure had been built in the mid-1980s using residential-grade materials and was in serious need of renovation or rebuilding. The current project will add approximately 20,000 square feet of educational space. Importantly, there will be no increase in enrollment, and each grade will continue to have just two sections. The additional square footage will support several key improvements: the construction of a new cafeteria (the school currently lacks one); a nearly threefold expansion of the library; an enlarged auditorium that can accommodate the entire school (currently, all-school assemblies must be held in the gym due to fire code restrictions); and larger classrooms designed to support best-practice pedagogy. During my tenure as Head of School, Severn has undertaken two other major construction projects, and in each case, we have raised private capital to fund them. It is important to note that all funds allocated to building projects at Severn come either from donations or through debt the School assumes to finance the work. As the primary fiduciary steward of these funds, it is my responsibility to ensure they are used to enhance the educational experience of every student who currently attends or will attend Severn. Using these dedicated funds to cover compliance measures does not fulfill that purpose. Severn School has been an institution in Anne Arundel County for 111 years. We currently enroll 915 students and employ more than 180 people—most of whom live in the County. I respectfully ask the County Council to consider amending the bill to ensure equity across all educational institutions in the County and to allow Severn to use the donated funds as intended.</p>	
2025-07-07 8:39:39	Linda	Hanifin Bonner	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Anne Arundel Connecting Together, Inc.	Prior testimony from 6/16 Meeting	Oppose	ACT Position on Bill 48-25	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/62377/july-7-act-position-on-48-25.pdf
Bill No. 58-25											
2025-07-06 21:42:04	Kaitlyn	McCreesh	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 58-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Home Occupations	Support	Thank you so much for your consideration and reading my testimony in support of these zoning changes.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/62369/testimony-for-bill-58-25.pdf

Comments for the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Doug Lagarde, Head of School, Severn School
Monday, July 7, 2025

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