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Vice-Chair Paul Pinsky
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Dear Dr. Sauls and Senator Pinsky,

I was disappointed to learn that the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee decided against reopening the application process for potential nominees to the Accountability and Implementation Board following the request you received from Governor Larry Hogan on September 10th.

On behalf of the members of the Senate Republican Caucus, I respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision and reopen the application process to ensure that the members of the Accountability and Implementation Board adequately represent Maryland's geographic, racial and gender diversity. While I understand that you are under no legal obligation to do so, this is simply the right thing to do.

The enormous amount of tax dollars being spent by the Accountability and Implementation Board are being provided by every Marylander, not just those living in four jurisdictions. Every Marylander deserves to have someone on the Board that has experienced the challenges and opportunities facing public education in their community, or one like it.

Having broad geographic representation on the Board is imperative to realizing success in every jurisdiction within our state. For example, the educational challenges facing Prince George's County, Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore are not the same and sadly, not one of these diverse areas has a representative on the board while other counties have up to four members.

Moving forward without reopening the application process to address these concerns is a weak start to the herculean task of implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future across the State. In order for the Blueprint to be successful,

the implementation process must be transparent and carried out by individuals that represent the best cross-section possible of Maryland's diverse communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Simonaire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Senator Bryan Simonaire
Minority Leader