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Dear

I am writing on behalf of the over 50,000 members of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs to inform you that our members recently unanimously endorsed HB 160 which would ensure that at least two members of the State Board of Education be parents of public school students at the time of their appointment to that Board.

The MSDE is charged with making critical decisions regarding our children and their education. MCCPTA believes that parents are an important stakeholder in these decisions and parents of current students bring an important perspective which will enhance the ability of the MSDE to perform its duties.

The members of MCCPTA would like you to be aware that they would also be in support of future legislation requiring more than two members of MSDE be parents or current students.

Sincerely,

Jane de Winter
President