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Dear Board of Charles County Commissioners:

I want to thank the Charles County Commissioners for your continued support of Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) over the years. Your support ensures that our students receive robust educational experiences to be prepared for their futures.

I write to you today to urge you to pass the proposed recordation tax increase. According to Mr. Jake Dyer's presentation to you on May 7th, it was noted that the recordation tax increase (estimated to total \$4.3M) would support education, specifically the CCPS FY26 budget request. As you are aware, CCPS requested a total of \$256M. In the proposed budget presentation to the Commissioners, CCPS would be scheduled to be funded at \$242M. This equates to an increase of \$11.2M above MOE from the previous year, but it is \$14M lower than our request. Mr. Dyer also reported that the County's budget is contingent on the passing of the recordation tax increase. It would be devastating to the school system to not receive these funds. The reduction in funding could impact student programs such as summer school, along with class sizes. It could also put us in the position of renegotiating our bus contracts and could leave us severely short in our special education budget. As noted in the County's survey results to the community about the budget, there was wide support to fund education.

I respectfully urge you to please pass the proposed recordation tax increase. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Deborah Hall, Acting County Administrator
Jacob Dyer, Acting Fiscal Director
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Karen Acton, Chief Financial Officer