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Dear Board of Charles County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Board of Education (BOE), I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Charles County Commissioners for your unwavering support of Charles County Public Schools (CCPS). Our collaborative relationship is vital in nurturing and educating the future citizens of our county and nation.

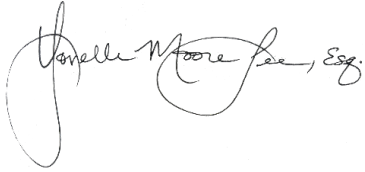
To continue providing our students with a rigorous and high-quality education, I respectfully request your support for the proposed recordation tax increase. As presented by Mr. Jake Dyer on May 7th, this increase is projected to generate an estimated \$4.3 million, specifically slated to support the CCPS FY26 budget request. We want to ensure that this recordation tax is in addition to the funds already being allocated and approved for CCPS. These additional resources will enable us to maintain essential programs, support our dedicated educators, and ensure our students receive the comprehensive education they deserve in an increasingly competitive academic landscape.

Without these essential funds, CCPS will face significant operational challenges that will directly impact our students. The funding shortfall could compromise critical student programs, including summer school opportunities, and may necessitate further increases in class sizes. Additionally, we may be forced to renegotiate transportation contracts and face substantial shortfalls in our special education budget, potentially affecting our ability to serve our most vulnerable students.

The County's community budget survey has demonstrated strong public support for education funding. Based on this community mandate and the critical needs outlined above, we respectfully request your vote to approve the proposed recordation tax increase.

Thank you for your continued support of our public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Yonelle Moore Lee, Esq.".

Mrs. Yonelle Moore Lee, Esq.,  
Chairperson, Charles County Board of Education

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