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Testimony in Favor of Supplemental Appropriation #25-83, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement

Hello Montgomery County Council,

My name is Saanvi Lanke, and I am a Montgomery County Public School student. I'm writing in strong support of Supplemental Appropriation #25-89, which will provide additional funding to the MCPS Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement program through the FY25 Capital Budget.

Our schools are the foundation of a strong education system, and well-maintained facilities are essential to supporting student safety, comfort, and learning. As an MCPS student, I've seen the impact of aging infrastructure, from outdated bathrooms to deteriorating walls and ceilings. These issues may seem small, but they directly affect how students feel in their learning environment. Investing in proper upkeep ensures that every student can learn in a space that is safe, welcoming, and worthy of their potential.

By supporting the Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement program, the County is taking a proactive approach to maintenance, addressing issues before they become costly emergencies. Replacing broken fixtures, repairing roofs, updating heating systems, and improving safety features are all essential to preventing disruptions to learning. Funding these updates now ensures that students can focus on their education in a safe, functional environment, rather than worrying about leaking ceilings or broken air conditioning.

Well-maintained school buildings benefit everyone. Students are able to learn in safe, clean environments that support their focus and well-being. Teachers feel more motivated and better equipped to do their jobs when their workspaces are functional and comfortable. Community members who use school facilities for after-school

programs, clubs, or events also feel welcome and secure. Investing in school maintenance strengthens not just education, but the entire community that depends on these shared spaces.

Approving this supplemental appropriation will allow MCPS to continue addressing needs that support student success, safety, and equity. I urge the Council to approve this supplemental appropriation and continue prioritizing safe, functional learning environments for all Montgomery County students.

Thank you for your time and commitment,

-Saanvi Lanke