

**Testimony: House Bill 725, 2020 Legislative Session- Position: Support**  
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Dear Honorable Delegates of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 725, a bill to require public schools to teach print and cursive handwriting. When I learned of this bill, I was shocked to hear that this even had to be required. I just assumed, given its importance to life, that schools continued to teach students handwriting. They still teach reading, don't they? I say that tongue in cheek, but I cannot tell you how important handwriting has been to my academic achievement. I don't know the biology of it, but there is something about writing the words themselves (not typing them) that forges a connection in the brain.

I would be horrified if my child was not taught how to write, both print and cursive, in the school s/he was attending. Please ensure that schools instill this basic skill in all their students. We are simply not that technologically advanced to dismiss learning how to print the letters of the alphabet. Indeed, I doubt we will ever be.

Thank you for your time and effort as our representatives,

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