Date: February 15, 2022

TO: Maryland General Assembly

RE: SUPPORT for HB0618 Maryland Parental Rights Act

As a Maryland native educated myself in the MD public education system, my children were also educated in the MD public school system and my grandchildren are currently in the MD public school system. I am deeply rooted in education in this state and I am <u>not</u> happy in the least with what I hear and see currently in our public education system, in fact I feel it is <u>terribly</u> broken on multiple levels. I have spoken several times recently before our local school board and have been ignored and scoffed at for speaking up. I may have been distracted during my own children's education but the lion in me (and millions more) has been awakened as to what is being done TO our children by the Maryland public school system.

As I said during my first public comment before our local school board, **when you come for our children**, **you've come TOO far!** It is unfathomable to realize we are hearing politicians across this nation openly state that parents should have no say in the education of their child(ren), which myself, my family and millions of parents across this nation are simply appalled over and STRONGLY disagree with and will defend and speak up for OUR children.

HB0618 goes a long way in ensuring parents do in fact have a say in their child's education. It seems the MD State Board of Education system, local county boards and politicians have forgotten just WHO they serve; and without OUR students, there would be no need for these folks at all and their radical left wing thinking, practices and policies.

Therefore, I **completely support HB0618, the Maryland Parental Rights Act** sponsored by Delegates Cox, Arikan, Parrott, Reilly and Szeliga and would greatly encourage you to also support it for the well-being of Maryland's student, our future generations.

Respectfully,

Robin Cox