

March 27, 2023

Oppose HB 119:

Ways and Means Committee State House, 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Maryland House of Delegates - Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Vanessa E. Atterbeary and Vice-Chair Jheanelle K. Wilkins, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

HB119 must be Opposed. IT IS CRITICAL TO ALLOW EACH AND EVERY COUNTY in Maryland make their own curriculum decisions. It is not moral, ethical or even in any way reasonable to insist to put the values and curriculum of Prince George's and Montgomery County, onto the students of the other 20-22 jurisdictions. To even consider such a bill is to take away the freedoms and rights of each of these counties, THAT YOU ALL SWORE TO UPHOLD IN THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

With the power in me as a lifelong MD resident, I most strongly recommend you KILL this Bill.

We love Maryland, don't chase us out to another state with our children.

We deeply and passionately request: KILL THIS BILL HB119

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Benhoff