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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0119-Primary and Secondary Education-Comprehensive Health Education Framework-
Established

Dear Senators,

We oppose HB0119 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

Our concern is the in-depth detail of sexual acts that to many citizens are perverse and that the school system is not the place to be teaching this to impressionable youth. Teaching 7th graders about anal/oral sex and the more explicit details of sexuality is excessive at this age.

More information, especially at the ages outlined in the [Maryland Comprehensive Health Education Framework](#) , has the potential to do more harm than good.

As a Life Wellness Coach that has worked with youth of high school age, the more information they are exposed to causes great disruption and questioning of their sexual identity whereas without so much detailed information, they could more easily follow their own instincts.

In this modern age, children are being exposed to more and more adult information. Let the school be a place where children can be children and if the need arises, allow for counselors to provide guidance.

Let local jurisdictions determine what is best for their citizens and allow for the diversity of ideas and information rather than creating the State overreach that this bill supports.

Sincerely,

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