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February 28, 2023

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Room 131  
House Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 119 – Primary and Secondary Education-Comprehensive Health Education  
Framework-Established – Letter of Opposition

Dear Delegate Atterbeary and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County wish state their opposition of House  
Bill 119 – Primary and Secondary Education-Comprehensive Health Education Framework-  
Established.

We feel this bill will use legislation to force our county to implement the Maryland  
Comprehensive Health Framework (Framework), and is designed to undermine local county  
authority. Additionally, the Framework will encroach on curriculum, which should not be  
mandated by the state. Also, we feel that there are moral issues contained in the Framework that  
many parents in our county feel is a violation of parental rights, and as such, they strongly feel that  
such teachings should be left up to the parent, and not the school system.

Thank you for your consideration, and we therefore powerfully recommend an unfavorable  
report on HB119.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Laird", written in a cursive style.

Charles Laird  
President

Cc: Delegate Otto