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I am seeking your help by opposing HB119 and SB0199. As a parent and grandparent of students currently in public school and have graduated from public schools in Maryland, I am asking that everyone sponsoring and cosponsoring these bills please reconsider the need for each county board of education to create curriculum consistent with the comprehensive health education framework. Some of the standards set forth in the MSDE framework are completely unrelated to the health of our children and grandchildren. Some of these standards aren't even based in biology and violate our communities' moral values, not to mention completely overstep parental boundaries.

The standards listed below are appropriate for many Christian families in the community at the grade level suggested they be taught.

- Grade K: "Recognize a range of ways people identify and express their gender. 1c.K.5" (page 29)
- Grade 4: "Identify sexual orientation as a person's physical and or romantic attraction to an individual of the same and/or different gender. 1c.4.3" (page 30)
- Grade 6: "Define sex assigned at birth, gender identity, and gender expression. 1c.6.4" (page 33)
- Grade 7: "Identify solo, vaginal, anal, and oral sex along with possible outcomes of each. 1c.7.13" (page 34)
- Grade 7: "Recognize racism and intersectionality and describe their impacts on sexual health. 1c.7.16" (page 34)
- Grade 8: "Identify racism and intersectionality and describe their impacts on sexual health. 1c.8.17." (Page 34)
- HS I: "Identify sexual behaviors, including solo, vaginal, oral, and anal sex, that impact the risk of unintentional pregnancy and potential transmission of STIs, including HIV. 1c.HS1.11" (page 37)
- HS1: "Identify how systemic oppression and intersectionality impact the sexual health of communities of color and other marginalized groups.1c.HS1.12" (page 37)
- HSII: "Demonstrate the steps to using barrier methods correctly (i.e. external and internal condoms and dental dams). 1c.HA2.11" (page 37)

These so called "standards" mentioned above are totally inappropriate for families in our county and here's why.

- These standards are infringing on fundamental parental rights.
- Our local school district will lose their autonomy and be unable to create curriculums suitable for ALL students within our district but rather cater to specific groups...the LGBTQ community and various races.
- These standards are discriminatory in nature, both based on a student's biological sex and their skin color.
- The language is representative of Critical Race Theory. A theory which can be very divisive and racist itself.

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- This agenda allows the State Health Department to dictate what sexual content our children are taught.
- This agenda also opens the door for the State Health Department and our local school districts to provide sexual “counseling” and related healthcare services to our children and grandchildren without consent of parents or guardians.

At a time when data clearly shows that significant majorities of Maryland students are unable to perform basic grade level reading, writing, and mathematic functions, focusing efforts on codifying into law inappropriate standards and removing parental rights legislation is completely unacceptable. Your focus should be on enforcing existing policy that should focus strictly on improving academics, increasing test scores, and providing every student the tools to succeed. Creating standards that have absolutely nothing to do with reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, and basic health & fitness education will do nothing to address the root cause of the failures we are seeing today.

Let’s re-evaluate the Social Justice system that is failing our students, forget about the multitude of sexual preferences a child may have, educate about the science of males and females, provide teachers with the tools to help their special needs students and teach children to accept and respect each other regardless of their differences. Anything else is a waste of time for teachers and students as well as a waste of taxpayer’s dollars.

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