



**Bill number:** SB 0438 Cross-filed with HB 0553

**Title:** Family Law - Fundamental Parental Rights

**Hearing Date:** 2/14/2024

**Position:** SUPPORT

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

Moms for Liberty Legislative Committee respectfully requests a **Favorable Report for SB 0438** - Family Law - Fundamental Parental Rights.

A parent has a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care and welfare of their child. This is a primordial right that is sacrosanct. The state has no right to enter in or interfere in the governance of the family.

It is a sad commentary on our times that this legislation is necessary. Because the state has forgotten its place, parents are now faced with serious threats to their most basic and fundamental rights. The Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to decide all facets of the care, custody and governance of their children. The Supreme Court has been clear that parental rights are fundamental rights predating the founding of our nation.

The family is crucial to the foundation to society. Family is the building block upon which society rests. It is the duty of this legislative body to protect the rights and responsibilities of parents. Failure to do so is to the detriment of a healthy and just civil society. **Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges you to respect the fundamental rights of parents and to vote in favor of SB 0438.**

Respectfully,

*Suzie Scott*  
Chair

**Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee**

