Honorable Delegates

I strongly oppose SB0738.

The name of the bill should read "Freedom to Read Porn Act," or "Freedom to Read Age-Inappropriate Materials Act."

Our goal is not to ban certain books statewide. Instead, we just do not want them in our school libraries. Most parents do not want to expose children to sexualizing material for obvious reasons. These books can be bought in stores, if parents so choose to show their children this material.

We want the right to review all books that are in school libraries and inform the principal and librarian that we believe these books should be removed as being pornographic or age-inappropriate. I believe the process adopted by the Carroll County School Board for determining what books should be removed should be adopted state-wide.

If we cannot read passages from certain books in the Assembly or at School Board meetings because the text or pictures are too disgusting for adults in attendance, then they should not be in our school libraries.

Please vote against SB0738.

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