

Witness: Jean Miceli Benhoff
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County
Bill: SB0451
Position: Oppose

For the purpose of allowing the taking of high school diploma equivalence testing in a language other than English.

I am opposed to allowing any and all testing by Maryland high school or any grade for graduation or for any purpose including being promoted to the next class level. As a substitute teacher in the Baltimore County schools you will do the students a great disservice to allow them to test in any language that is not English. These students need to learn English to get a job, keep a job, learn on the job skills and to succeed.

This is clearly to placate the teacher unions and MD Board of Education to make their numbers look better. Frankly, if the local Boards of Education do their job they will teach the students at every grade to speak and read English.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Benhoff

I vote!