

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Support of Parents' Rights to Bring Grievances to County Boards of Education**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting parents' rights to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and  
4 petition the government, including county boards of education, on any topic;  
5 condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights; and generally  
6 relating to support of parents' rights to bring grievances to county boards of  
7 education.

8 WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, in  
9 part, "the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a  
10 redress of grievances"; and

11 WHEREAS, The national grassroots interest being shown by parents is to be  
12 commended and encouraged; and

13 WHEREAS, Parents of children in school have the right to peacefully express their  
14 opinions about what is being taught in the classroom; and

15 WHEREAS, Violence and threats of violence at county board of education meetings  
16 have been isolated and dealt with appropriately by local law enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local governments should not have the ability to  
18 stifle protected speech; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General  
20 Assembly supports the rights of parents to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and petition  
21 the government, including county boards of education, on any topic while strongly  
22 condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
24 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation; the Honorable Lawrence J.  
25 Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the



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1 Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of  
2 Delegates.