SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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By: Senators Ready, Corderman, Eckardt, and Hough
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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
petition the government, including county boards of education, on any topic;
condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights; and generally
relating to support of parents’ rights to bring grievances to county boards of
education.

4 WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, in
part, “the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a
redress of grievances”; and

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
Assembly supports the rights of parents to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and petition
the government, including county boards of education, on any topic while strongly
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
Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation; the Honorable Lawrence J.
Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the
Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.