

LETTERHEAD IF APPROPRIATE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 590
February 13, 2020
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice-Chair Kagan, & Members of the Committees:

As a member of the Safe Tech Subcommittee of Montgomery County PTA's Health and Safety Committee, I ask for many tech vendor contracts, reports on data breaches, reviews of technology breaches, etc... MCPS fails to follow-through on some of these requests and they believe we have no recourse but to keep asking, over and over again.

While the Public Access Obudsperson you have appointed has made a big difference over the past couple years, the office needs additional tools to help the public.

Thank you for helping parents who are trying to protect our children from the Google-esque type companies that are collecting and selling our children's data by giving us the needed documents to give our youth the privacy they so deserve.

This can only be accomplished by transparency of documents...which this Bill will aid in obtaining such needed documents!

Parents do not have the money and time to keep filing complaints to enforce the current law and the Board has the expertise to understand the requests and apply some common sense to our requests. Please consider this commonsense approach.

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I ask for a favorable report on SB 590.

Sincerely,

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