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Dear Maryland Judiciary Committee Members,

Please consider voting YES on HB1242. For whatever reason, there have been numerous bills recently that aim to increase state involvement in families and take away very important parental rights. It has felt like wack-a-mole with how many phone calls and emails I've written recently just to try and keep my parental rights intact.

There will always be a need and a place for government involvement in cases of abuse and neglect. But the vast majority of parents are loving and have the best interests of their children in mind, and will be harmed by all of these sweeping government overreach bills.

HB1242 is a breath of fresh air for Maryland families. Thank you Delegate Cox!

Sincerely, Kerry Stark