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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
Education, Health and Environmental Matters Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 1357 and SB 945

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

As Superintendent of Calvert County Public Schools, I am sending this letter to register opposition to HB 1357 and SB 945.

This legislation is not needed. The Calvert County Board of Education (Board) has a policy and procedures that provides the guidance for entertaining public comment at Board meetings. Please see enclosed Policy 1110 and Procedures 1110.1. See section 4.b on page 4 of the Procedures 1110.1.

Up until the pandemic, the Board has steadfastly honored these procedures. When the Board moved to meeting only virtually, for safety purposes, it announced that public comment would be received by email. Those comments have been regularly collected and posted publicly.

On March 11, 2021, the Board met for the first time in person for many months. At that meeting, they opened the doors to public comment and heard from 8 citizens. We are back to more normal functions. I appreciate both of you for your support of the schools, but this legislation is unnecessary.

Respectfully,

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