

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in agreeance with HB0418, Banning Symbols of Hate in the classroom, as proposed by Delegate Michele Guyton. With the current rise of nationalism and misinformation in this country, it is so important to distinguish between symbols of hate and other historic symbols in classrooms. This bill would prevent the use of hate symbols, including confederate flags and swastikas, in classrooms except during an educational lesson. Our children need to learn in a safe environment that is free from intimidation and symbols of hate. Overall, I believe that this bill should be passed to protect our children and prevent the spread of hatred.

Sincerely,  
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