



Delegate Anne R. Kaiser, Chair  
Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, Vice Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
House Office Building, Room 131  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Bill: House Bill 138 – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program – Human and Sex Trafficking**

**Position: Support**

Dear Chairman Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland School Psychologists' Association (MSPA), a professional organization representing about 500 school psychologists in Maryland. We advocate for the social-emotional, behavioral, and academic wellbeing of students and families across the state.

House Bill 138 would require MSDE and non-public schools to promote the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking in grades six through eight through age-appropriate, explicit instruction. In addition to what is already taught in sex education, children would learn differences between appropriate sexual interactions and those that are abusive and illegal. Developmentally appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking is vital to protecting Maryland's students.

MSPA supports HB 138 and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please contact us at [legislative@mSPAonline.org](mailto:legislative@mSPAonline.org) or our policy consultant, Rachael Faulkner, at [rfaulkner@policypartners.net](mailto:rfaulkner@policypartners.net) or 410-693-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Potter".

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