

Name: Katie York

Position: UNfavorable

Date: 03/30/22

I oppose HB603 and any other bill to change the current Harford County school board structure, including the way in which non-elected members are appointed. Some of the county's officials, egged on by a small vocal contingent that is unhappy they are not getting their way, continue to push for changes that have not been asked for by the general community. The elected officials did not involve stakeholders such as the current board, the county's parent advisory council, PTAs, general county residents, etc. In drafting this bill. The existing Board format includes both governor-appointed and elected members. This set-up has historically provided greater diversity (in respect to gender, race, education, and professional experience) among Board members.