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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
Room 101, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: FAVORABLE HB0223 Criminal Law - Person in a Position of Authority - Sexual Offenses
With a Minor

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

This bill modifies Criminal Law §3-308 to broaden the definition of who qualifies as a person in a position of authority. There is no proper justification for restricting the definition of a person in a position of authority to employees of schools for the purpose of applying a three year maximum imprisonment sentence against sexual offenders who target minors. There are multiple different contexts where adults assume the role of person in a position of authority vis-a-vis minors. This law should apply to all of those contexts. Please vote for this bill.