



# Randallstown

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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building,  
2 West.,  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT SB 0116, Public Schools - Inclusive and Diverse English Language Arts -  
Development of Content Standards and Implementation

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Health, and  
Environmental Affairs Committee.

May it be known the mission of the Randallstown NAACP is to secure equal rights in  
order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and wellbeing of all  
persons. We are the premier organization advocating for students of color in Baltimore  
County.

The Randallstown NAACP supports SB 0116, Public Schools - Inclusive and Diverse  
English Language Arts - Development of Content Standards and Implementation.  
Acknowledging the cultural diversity in English language arts classrooms is important to  
highlight multiethnic cultural heritage. Appropriate pedagogical practices addressing

students' needs and culture are valuable for their academic and personal growth. It is necessary to be aware of the students' backgrounds in order to better understand who the students are and what the students need, as well as to allow all students to gain appreciation, respect, and understand the students' differences. Likewise, encouraging students to acknowledge the diversity of cultures that surround them can help to promote social and educational development.

*The Randallstown Branch of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on SB 0116.*

*yours*

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