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Via Witness Signup: <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/MyMGATracking/WitnessSignup">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/MyMGATracking/WitnessSignup</a> Maryland General Assembly
House Ways and Means Committee
131 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Please SUPPORT House Bill 1122/Senate Bill 0987 – Public Schools - Home School Students - Extracurricular Activities (Right to Play Act of 2022)

Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

This bill to allow homeschool students to participate in extracurricular activities would be beneficial to students and is requested to be voted FAVORABLE.

My family is a member of the homeschooling community in Maryland. We have been instructing successfully in Maryland for over twelve years. My oldest child is a graduating high school senior this year. She has been a competitive swimmer since the age of 8. It would have been a wonderful opportunity for her to participate on the high school swim team with her friends and teammates from other area teams. Although my daughter will not benefit from the proposed legislation, I believe that many other students will and should have that opportunity.

According to a recent article in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, there are 35 states that allow homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities. Other states have legislation pending. Maryland should join the majority. Therefore, I ask that you support HB1122/SB0987 and vote FAVORABLE.

Respectfully,

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