

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Amy Waychoff, and I have lived in Montgomery County, MD, for over 34 years. I am writing in support of HB 196, "Publication of School Library Catalogs." The issue of parents being involved in their children's educations has been a hot topic in the news lately. The view that they *should* be involved should not be a partisan issue. How else can we reach our shared goal of seeing every child succeed in life if their parents are kept in the dark about what they are being taught?

This goal can be reached in part by making sure parents have access to a catalog of the library materials in their children's schools. Providing parental access to a resource that is already online should be fairly easy to accomplish. And as taxpayers, it is our right to have access to these materials.

This bill should be welcomed by teachers and staff, who are trying their best to educate our children. It could even encourage more financial support from parent-teacher associations to add to their schools' libraries. In short, HB 196 is a win-win for everyone involved.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

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