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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 388 – Public Schools – Standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire for Students – Development and Implementation

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 388 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

We are totally against the government overreach that this bill promotes. There is no reason to have every student in the State be assessed for “behavioral health services needs”. If a student exhibits adverse behavior then they should be addressed and the parents notified and recommendations for assistance can be provided.

It is not the job of the school system to be in the mental health business.

This is another way for the State to insert itself in health care choices which could ultimately result in taking those choices away from the parents – violating parental rights. This is the State knowing what is best for our children, when that responsibility falls on the parents, who, for the majority of our citizens, do a very good job.

Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers