



Witness: Tara Thompson  
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County  
Bill: SB566 Family Law - Fundamental Parental Rights  
Committee:  
Position: FAVORABLE

My name is Tara Thompson. I am the mother of 3 and the Chair for Moms for Liberty Baltimore County, where I have promised to be a voice for parents and children, while standing up for parental rights.

Over the past 4 years, I have watched parental rights be stolen from parents at every angle. At times it has been extremely obvious. Here are a few examples

1. School closures for over a year, of only some schools
2. Parents unable to send their children to school unless they wore a mask.
3. Parents unable to take their child to see a doctor or dentist unless they wore a mask. This continues today at most facilities.
4. Parents unable to renew a school contract unless they agreed to vaccinate their child. This continues today at some schools.
5. Unable to enter businesses without providing “proof” of vaccine. This continues today at some businesses. (Pottery place in Baltimore City; Wes Moore’s events prior to election) Private and public schools have allowed non-government organizations, nonprofits, and foundations to infiltrate the curriculum, the programs, and continuing ed courses. Institutions teaching children what to think, as opposed to how to think and robbing an entire generation of children of critical thinking skills.

Over the past 6 weeks, I have watched the government attempt to steal parental rights, yet again, with bills here in Annapolis.

- SB378
- HB119
- SB199
- SB388
- HB265
- HB290
- HB1232

..... And I could go on....



In response to this, constituents have needed to request bills be created to defend Parental rights in Maryland.

- HB359
- HB757
- HB272
- HB294
- HB381
- HB699

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It's not enough to say that our government, our institutions, and private businesses will respect and/or defend parental rights any longer. We are now at the point where we need a Bill to establish that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of their own child. And a bill to prohibit our own government from infringing on those rights.

If you don't think this bill is needed in Maryland and it's what constituents want, then you aren't paying attention. Look at HB119/SB199 that continues to be at the forefront of every parent and legislator since it was heard back on 2/1/23. It's being talked about with criticism and concern nearly 6 weeks later. During the hearings for HB119 and SB199 there were multiple groups (none of which represented parents) who testified favorable with amendment and the amendment that they requested was that NO OPT-OUT option be provided for parents for human sexuality and gender identity standards. There are many groups that clearly want to infringe on parental rights and the proof is in the HB 119 and SB 199 testimonies that senators can access for verification.

I ask you to not only vote Favorable on this bill, but I ask you to defend parental rights at all levels of government for every child and every family because that's what you have been elected to do. Parents and citizens want this bill and that's all that should matter. It's a bill that includes ALL Maryland parents.

Regards,  
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