

Dear Members of the Maryland House of Delegates,

I'm writing to support HB 666/SB566 "Fundamental Parental Rights."

As a retired teacher and administrator in the public schools, I know how important it is to have parents involved in every aspect of their child's life. School systems, the medical industry, and the State of Maryland MUST allow parents to be the main voice in every decision which impacts the life of their child. Parents must have the right to approve or disallow actions by the State and other entities.

Recently, school systems and other government entities have attempted to hide information from parents and leave them out of the decision-making process for their children. This is not only ethically and morally wrong, but it violates the principles this country was built on and serves to destroy the special bonds between parents and their children.

The State does not have the right to decide for families which values, political beliefs, or religions they should practice. They also do not have the right to permit schools/teachers to interfere in decisions that children may make regarding sexual practices or gender identity or to manipulate children to make these types of decisions.

Parental rights are for Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives, Progressives, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, and any other group one can think of. No one loves a child more than his/her parents. They MUST be a part in any decision making about the life of that child.

I support this bill and ask you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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