

Written Testimony of Thomas P. and Tina M. Wilson
RE: In Support of House Bill HB1202 - Public Schools - Curriculum and
Instructional Materials

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As citizens of the state of Maryland, we enthusiastically support Maryland **House Bill HB1202**. This testimony seeks to express our rationale for support of **HB1202**.

The fundamental rights of parents to determine what is best for their children and families have been usurped by the Maryland Department of Education and local school boards to name the major culprits. Parents have been vilified and subjected to intolerance by local School Boards for trying to protect their children from social and sexual indoctrination.

House Bill HB1202 seeks a to protect children and empower parents by requiring the posting of curriculum and instructional materials used at public schools on the public school's website; and establishing requirements for the production and inspection of certain instructional materials referenced in certain curriculum. This bill would give parents the ability to review curriculum and instructional materials that will be provided to their children and provide full transparency. This bill will lift the veil on what the Department of Education and local school boards have been hiding from the public.

It is no surprise that States across the country are moving to enact laws that protect fundamental parental rights. It wasn't long ago that parents trusted their elected officials and school boards to assure that their children were being educated in a way that prepared them for success, but those days are now gone. Parents have awoken to the reality that they can no longer trust that their interests are being respected and protected.

We strongly support HB1202 and believe it absolutely necessary to keep parents informed and protect our children from inappropriate material.

Respectfully,

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