

To: Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

Subject: HB0558

Date: March 26, 2024

I strongly **OPPOSE** Bill HB0558. The Bill forces inappropriate sexual education and early sexualization of our children by the public school system. The school system needs to go back to **BASICS** and teach Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. 90% of the children in Baltimore City **cannot** read, write, or do math at grade level. 50% of the children in Baltimore County **cannot** read or write or do math at grade level. If children do not have these basic skills, how will they go on to higher education, have a job, buy a home, raise a family. Rather the State and school system wants to spend its time and money and resources on the sexualization of our children and force pornographic materials into the classrooms.

If the State and schools insist on teaching this material, the parents should have the right to opt their children out of the curriculum.

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