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Good afternoon.

My name is Jill Kapper. I'm a lifelong resident of Maryland, a mom to a beautiful daughter (in which I was incredibly involved in her schooling when she was in public school) and I'm here to urge you to support HB65 with me.

It's imperative that parents be put back into the conversation and stay as involved as possible regarding their child's education. These days education and health are one in the same therefore it's become even More obvious how important it is to provide informed consent. This can not be done without the parent. Children can not do this alone and the fact that we're expecting them to is unrealistic and cruel. In that rare occurrence where the child may not want the parent to be included, that family can handle the situation accordingly while searching for which way works best for them. That is where family conversations and therapy may take place but this Bill is important for the majority of families here in Maryland.

I wouldn't feel comfortable placing my kids back into the government school system until this (and similar) policies are being met. What parent does Not want to be included? What child understands much of this stuff or even cares half of the time? This Bill would put the power back into the parents hands, where it belongs so again, I urge you to support it along with me.

Thank you for listening