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The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
And Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: HB0065 – Public Schools – Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools – **FAVORABLE**.

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Committee Members,

HB 0065 requires a school-based health practitioner, a health care practitioner, or certified school psychologist employed by or under a contract with a school-based health center, local school system, or local health department that provides school health services to provide a student's parent or guardian information about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to the student.

Parents are the primary guardians and caregivers for their children. When the school-based personnel go home, the parent is still the one on duty who must guide, comfort, and care for their children. Being aware of health consultations, diagnoses, or physical or psychological treatment provided in the school setting is vitally important. If a child is prescribed and administered a drug or vaccine without the parent's knowledge or consent and the child suffers an adverse reaction at home the parent would not have vital information to share with emergency responders on what is wrong. Whether it is physical or psychological treatment or services, parents need to be included.

Laws that prohibit parents from being aware of services or advice being provided to their minor children weaken the family bond, and in so-doing weaken families, the basic unit of our society and our nation. HB0065 helps to strengthen the bond between parent and child, which in turn will help strengthen our society and nation.

Please give HB0065 a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,  
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