

My name is Tina Swithin on behalf of two different organizations: One Mom's Battle and Family Court Awareness Month.

I am **in strong support of HB405 (Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training)**.

My organization has an active chapter in Maryland which gives me a front row seat to what is happening in this great state.

When I think of the family court system and the reality of child custody evaluations, it is best described as the "wild, wild west" which implies lawlessness, danger and lack of regulation.

That is unacceptable when we are talking about the lives (and futures) of children and survivors of domestic abuse.

To say that we need higher standards and better training when it comes to

child custody evaluators would be an understatement. Every day I hear horror stories; this is a crisis and we need all hands on deck.

You are cradling the lives of children in your hands right now. Your vote will ripple through and impact future generations.

Please vote yes on HB405.