

Written Testimony for HB 200: Workgroup to Study School Bus Safety
(Maryland School Bus Safety Act of 2025)-Please **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Dear Environment and Transportation Committee:

This bill reads: "...Establishing the Workgroup to Study School Bus Safety; requiring the Workgroup to identify issues related to safety for and behavior of students and bus drivers on buses driven to or from a primary or secondary school in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the governing body of each county and Baltimore City, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly by June 30, 2026..."

I love this legislation!! This is the type of legislation that all Marylanders like to see, the kind of legislation that makes all our children safer, especially when they are traveling back and forth to school when we, as parents, cannot be with them. There has always been the debate over whether or not school buses should have seatbelts. Hopefully this Workgroup can decipher the latest study results on this and make recommendations on this as well as other things.

I can't imagine why any single one of you would not vote for this bill. This is the kind of bill that I, as a mother of three, can say is worth our taxpayer money being spent on. Not only for my children but for all children attending school.

That is why I'm encouraging you to **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Thank you.

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A Very Concerned Mother and Maryland resident