

TO: Maryland General Assembly, Health and Government Operations
FROM: Bryna Schaum
SUBJECT: HB1426 - Carroll County - Board of Health and Health Department
POSITION: UNFAVORABLE (OPPOSE)

Dear Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,
My name is Bryna Schaum, and I am submitting this testimony as a concerned resident, homeowner, and parent in Carroll County, Maryland. I urge you to **oppose HB 1426**.

I do not want the local political body of the Carroll County Commissioners to run the Carroll County Health Department or become the Carroll County Board of Health. They have no medical background and should not be making any healthcare decisions or healthcare staffing decisions for Health Officials. My family receives medical care within this county, including my daughter who has a rare medical condition. This bill could compromise the safety of its residents.

The Carroll County Commissioners were not elected with this oversight in mind when they were voted in. Unfortunately, I do not have many facts to provide you with why I do not trust these Commissioners, but there are reasons I believe these current gentlemen who are Carroll County Commissioners are not working in the best interest of the people who live here, and some have political motivations and personal biases that will be dangerous to public health.

Please **OPPOSE** this bill and leave the oversight of Health Officials with our State Health Department, which has laws and regulations.

Respectfully,

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