

SB0889

(FAV) (SUPPORT)

As a Maryland resident, practicing physician, and parent of two children who attended the University of Maryland, I strongly **urge support of SB0889**, to protect the rights of students and other individuals to express their views, free from “doxxing”, harassment, threats, or intimidation.

My reasons for supporting this bill are multiple:

- The Maryland General Assembly should do all it can to STOP the practice of “doxing” of students, which is the malicious act of publicly revealing someone's private or personally identifiable information online without their consent. This information can include, without limitation, someone's private email address, phone number, home address, family address, financial details or sensitive documents.
- Maryland should be committed to upholding a safe and secure environment for all student members of our community.
- Doxing can have serious consequences for students in Maryland, putting them at risk of stalking, identity theft, physical harm and even job loss.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you **preserve freedom of expression** and protect the rights of students and other individuals to express their views, free from “doxxing”, harassment, threats, or intimidation. **In the strongest possible terms, I urge support of Senate Bill 0889.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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