

In Opposition to passage of SB 889

Dear Senators,

I urge you to vote against SB 889. SB 889 asserts to prohibit Distribution of Student's Personal Information but it is so broad and precludes fair and open conversation by our residents.

To quote from the Bill: The purpose is prohibiting "distributing personal identifying information or images of certain students..." "Personal Identifying Information includes a person's:

(l) Name;

...

(B) A person may not intentionally distribute the personal identifying information (i.e. the name) or image of a student without the express permission with reckless disregard for the risk ..."

So, a student committing abuse may not be photographed or identified by name. Residents or parents concerned with violent behavior during student demonstrations cannot document such behavior with a photo or identifying a student by name. Might as well allow students committing certain acts to hide their identity behind hoods!

This level of protection goes way beyond not publishing, say, a Social Security number. It precludes free speech as to witnessed acts and prevents protective measures.

Please vote against this broad bill.

Michael David

Columbia, MD