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Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair  
Judiciary Committee  
100 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support on HB952 – Juvenile Sex Offender Registry – Qualifying Offenses and Access

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members,

Recently, Harford County had a student enrolled in the county school system while being investigated for raping then murdering a young woman. This student walked the halls of Harford County public schools with their violent propensities being known to authorities but not shared with parents or teachers.

House Bill 952 will keep all public schools in Maryland from having to experience the same tragedy. The bill will allow the local school superintendent, or a designee, to have access to the Juvenile Sex Offender Registry. This will give schools the ability to keep sexual offenders from being enrolled at the school or to remove them from the school if they are already enrolled. The bill also expands the list of offenses that would require a juvenile to be included in the juvenile sex offender registry such as first- and second-degree rape, production and distribution of child pornography, and third-degree sex offenses.

It is imperative that law enforcement, schools, and parents have the information and options they need to keep dangerous students apart from their innocent and unsuspecting classmates. I respectfully request that the Judiciary Committee report favorably on HB952.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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