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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 282, Public Schools - Sexually Explicit Materials -
Prohibited in Libraries and Media Centers

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TO: Chair Atterbeary and members of the House Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Nicholas Marinelli

Chair Atterbeary and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, my name is Nicholas Marinelli, I live in Rockville, Maryland, and I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 0282, ostensibly prohibiting vaguely-defined “sexually explicit materials” from grade school libraries and media centers.

All Maryland school systems already have sufficient processes in place in order to ensure that any reading material is age appropriate. HB 0282 is an obvious attempt to block materials that are pro-LGBT by claiming that they are sexually explicit. Maryland is a leader in LGBT rights, and I feel that this bill is a threat to those rights. I oppose HB 0282, and I ask you to do the same.