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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Economic Matters Committee
Annapolis, MD

HB1185: Homeschool Students in Maryland - Right to Play

Dear Delegates,

We support and respectfully request that you vote favorably on this bill.

It makes sense that home schooled children be allowed to participate and compete in public high school sport in their counties.

Although there are many opportunities within Anne Arundel County, for sports activities that are outside of a school-based program, some counties may not have as many opportunities.

This common sense bill will allow all children to advance their competitive sports skills.

We support Delegate Nkongolo's points as stated here:

"This bill allows homeschool students to participate in public high school sports within their county, creating more opportunities for them to be scouted and potentially earn athletic scholarships. It also benefits schools that lack enough students to maintain certain sports programs, like JV girls basketball. Fourteen Republicans and Democrats supported and co-sponsored this bill, and I am incredibly grateful to the homeschool parents who reached out to my office and have already submitted testimonies!"

This bill PUTS MARYLANDERS FIRST and supports our children.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers