

Written Testimony for **HB 627**: Education - Prohibited Behavior on School Grounds and Property - Application - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Ways and Means Committee:

This bill reads “...THE PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS: (1) A STUDENT CURRENTLY ATTENDING THE INSTITUTION OF ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION WHERE THE OFFENSE OCCURS; OR (2) A STUDENT CURRENTLY ATTENDING ANOTHER INSTITUTION OF ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN OR ATTENDING A SPORTING EVENT OR OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTION WHERE THE OFFENSE OCCURS...”

I agree that no person should be able to perform “...certain disruptive and threatening behavior on certain school grounds and property...”

However, the stipulations in this bill **should absolutely apply to** “...students who commit offenses at the institution they attend or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program sponsored at that institution...” Unless there is another law that currently addresses students being prohibited from these exact same behaviors, then the stipulations in this bill **should absolutely apply to students** as well. We cannot have our students behaving in disruptive and threatening manners at any of our schools or the events at any of our schools. Just as we hold non-students accountable by law, we should hold our students accountable by law as well.

For these reasons, I would request that all of you **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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A Very Concerned Mother of 3 and Maryland Resident

