

March 3, 2025

Re: House Bill 1185

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to express my thanks for looking at House Bill 1185. We have been a homeschooling family since 2020 and have two children who are both thriving academically at home and simultaneously love participating in community sports.

It is my goal as a parent to prepare my children for their lives in both psychological aspects as well as career opportunities. I wholeheartedly believe that athletics help in both of these aspects. As a high school and college athlete I know how being on a team can help to shape the character of each individual.

While my children are still elementary school age, I anticipate that they will continue to flourish in their chosen sports and would love the opportunity to try out for high school sports teams when the time comes. Furthermore, we currently play sports with other children in the area (Talbot County) and enjoy the community and interaction with others. I do believe that community comes together and thrives when people from all backgrounds (education backgrounds in this case) are present and included.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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