

March 30, 2026

Good afternoon, Senators,

I'm writing to you today as a constituent in Harford County to request that you strongly oppose HB0649 on the grounds that it violates religious convictions on the terms of marriage, sexuality, and sexual identity, which is our constitutional, religious right.

As a Christian family, we have chosen to incur the financial burden to send our boys to a private, Christian school that will support and teach those religious beliefs rather than force ideals on them that are not of the Christian world view, as taught in public schools. Part of those beliefs is that marriage is between a man and woman, and there are only two genders. While we have conversations at home about the views of others, how they differ from ours, and how to handle situations, forcing our private school to adopt the policies laid out in the bill will override our religious rights.

While out in the world as adults, we can choose the situations we are in and how to address them. When it applies to schooling, our children cannot. They are forced to deal with the situations we put them in. It is our responsibility as parents to shield our children as best we can while they are young so they can have a solid foundation in faith to face the world.

Again, as a Maryland constituent, I am requesting that you strongly oppose HB0649 to prevent the violation of mine and my family's constitutional rights of religious freedom.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kassandra Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kassandra Riley