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RE: SB 051 Public Schools - Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms - Use of Video Recording Devices  
Position: Favorable

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, Senator Folden, and Honorable Members of The Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I am Alita-Geri Carter, the owner of Qualequity Access, LLC., a consultancy grounded in data-driven transformation that advocates for quality, equity, access, and accessibility in healthcare and education. I am the mother of two children with disabilities, a former practicing nursing practitioner, special education parent advocate, and public health servant.

I am writing to express my strong support for **Senate Bill 51 (SB 51)**, which requires the installation of video recording devices in self-contained special education classrooms across Maryland public schools. This legislation represents a critical step in ensuring the safety, dignity, and protection of our most vulnerable student populations.

SB 51 specifically addresses classrooms where students may have intellectual disabilities or severe disabilities that impact their abilities to communicate or recall the sequence of events leaving them unable to report incidents of abuse or neglect. This bill provides them with a "silent witness" that ensures their experiences are documented.

I particularly support this bill and its provisions due to the strategic planning for the following:

- **Comprehensive Coverage**
- **Privacy Protections**
- **Parental Rights and Transparency:**
- **Accountability for Review**

Furthermore, this bill protects our dedicated educators and staff by providing objective evidence that can refute false or unsubstantiated allegations. By creating a clear record of classroom interactions, we foster a safer environment for everyone involved in the educational process. I urge the Committee to issue a **favorable report** on SB 51 to ensure that all Maryland students, regardless of their ability to communicate, are protected and supported in their learning environments.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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