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Dear Judicial Committee,

My name is Gillian Houlihan, I am age 16. I live in Salisbury, Maryland. This letter is in support of Mary Beth Carozza's senate bill 222, this is my second time writting supporting this bill. I didn't have a custody evaluator, the judge took an opinion from two therapists whose weren't trained in my most recent custody court case. They didn't listen to what I wanted and my life would have been very different if it weren't for their untrained, unqualified and unjust opinions. The judge would not verify by speaking to me in all my court cases since I was 8 years old for the first case and 11 years old for the second case. For half of my life I have had to deal with these failed and faulty opinions of people who were untrained, barely talked to me and were biased. I would never want another child to experience what I did; to be ignored by those who are supposed to help them and to have their childhood taken from them. Please help the future children of Maryland.

Sincerely,
Gillian Houlihan