

To the **House Ways and Means Committee**,

I am writing to you to strongly oppose House Bill 0459. This bill is attempting to enable county school boards to violate state laws against discrimination in school education and social policy. No community has the right to harass students for their trans status or the color of their skin, nor to hide or misrepresent their history. Epistemicide, the erasure of the knowledge of groups of people, is a component of genocide and Maryland must be rid of such violence.

Thank you,
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