

**Support for HB 1043: Homeschool Students in Maryland – Right to Play**

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Members of the Ways and Means Committee  
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Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

As a resident of District 2, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1043. This legislation provides a vital benefit to the homeschooling community by authorizing public high schools to allow homeschool students to participate in interscholastic athletics and school-sponsored activities. By providing access to these programs, the bill ensures that homeschoolers can develop essential life skills like teamwork and leadership alongside their peers in their local community.

HB 1043 offers a clear and fair framework for this inclusion. It allows homeschool students to try out for teams at the public high school they are geographically assigned to attend, ensuring they have a place to play without being forced into expensive private leagues. The bill also protects the interests of families by ensuring that participating students are covered by the school's liability insurance to the same extent as enrolled students. Furthermore, if a student's assigned school does not offer a specific sport, the bill provides the same flexibility to participate at another public school that enrolled students currently enjoy.

Ultimately, this bill recognizes that homeschoolers are active members of their local districts who deserve the opportunity to represent their communities on the field. I respectfully request your support for the bill as it moves through the Ways and Means Committee.

Sincerely,



Lorisa Levetin