

## **Testimony in Support of HB 1046**

Maryland General Assembly  
Ways and Means

Hello.

My name is Susan Reinhart, and I am a Maryland parent. I am here in strong support of HB 1046.

I am speaking today not from theory, but from lived experience when my daughter was at school

The school was aware that she had been hurt. However, the report suggested it was possible the injury occurred somewhere other than where it actually happened.

During this timeframe, two of my other children — who attend a different elementary school — were removed from their classroom without our knowledge or consent. They were questioned by CPS about deeply personal matters unrelated to the specific incident under review. They were asked what we had for dinner the night before and whether we ever spank them. These questions went well beyond the scope of the incident being investigated.

As parents, we were not notified beforehand. We were not present. We were not informed of the line of questioning. And our children were left confused and distressed.

Parents understand that schools must investigate legitimate concerns. We support child safety. We support accountability. But there must be guardrails. There must be transparency. There must be clear limits on when and how children are removed from classrooms and questioned — particularly when it involves sensitive family matters.

HB 1046 is about restoring balance.

No parent should learn after the fact that their children (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) were questioned about private family matters without their knowledge.

I urge this committee to pass HB 1046 so that what happened to my family does not happen to others.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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