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TO: Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Chair  
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Asian American and Pacific-Islander Caucus

DATE: 3/10/2026

RE: HB0014 - County Boards of Education - Bullying, Harassment, or  
Intimidation - Information Collection and Reporting Requirements

**The AAPI Caucus supports HB0014 - Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation -  
Information Collection and Reporting Requirements**

The Maryland Legislative Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus represents AAPI communities in the General Assembly and works to advance their legislative priorities. The Caucus respectfully supports HB 14 to improve reporting on bias-motivated bullying in schools.

HB0014 strengthens how county boards of education collect and report information about incidents of bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Specifically, the bill alters the bullying, harassment, or intimidation form to require that, when an incident is believed to have been motivated in whole or in substantial part by an actual or perceived personal characteristic, those characteristics be identified if known. The bill also expands transparency around how these incidents are documented and reported.

For Asian American and Pacific Islander students and families, accurate collection of this information matters. Bullying and harassment that are motivated by race, national origin, ancestry, or other protected characteristics can have serious effects on students' safety, well-being, and ability to learn. Better data helps schools, families, and policymakers understand whether particular communities are being disproportionately targeted, identify patterns of bias-based behavior, and develop more effective responses to keep students safe.

HB0014 is a practical step toward greater accountability and safer school environments for all Maryland students. By improving information collection and reporting, the bill will help ensure that incidents of bias-motivated bullying are not overlooked and that school systems have clearer data to guide prevention and response efforts.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Asian-American and Pacific-Islander Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0014.