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Good afternoon Chair Kaiser, Vice-Chair Washington, and members of the committee. My name is Karen Yoho and I am a member of the Frederick County Board of Education and the Legislative liaison. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB 309. I'm here to let the members of the Ways and Means committee know that our Board of Education supports this legislation. I could talk at length about why we support it, however, I think it would be more effective to let you hear from the people who are directly affected by this bill. Therefore, I am pleased to introduce the Learning for Life teachers from Frederick High School, Mr. J.P. Smith and Mr. Steven Dobbin, and even more pleased to introduce two of their students, Harshil Solanki and Naiya Mills. They've come all this way to tell you themselves what the passage of this legislation means to them. We'll first hear from Mr. Smith, followed by Harshil and Naiya. Thank you for your time and full attention.

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