

Dear Delegate Cox,

Thank you so much for drafting HB1242 to support the parents of your state! This is a breath of fresh air this session considering the amount of bills trying to undermine the parental role in children's health and welfare, here in Maryland and across the United States.

We are a very tight-knit family and my priority is my kids - making sure that they have the emotional support they need on a daily basis. Let's face it, ever since social media came to town, we have all been drawn to our screens and creating a family unit is tougher every day. It is also tough to parent in a society that wants to find fault with anything you are doing as a parent - odd, considering that we chose to be parents and are learning every day along with our children.

I would love to see more policies supporting the parent-child relationship. More and more studies show that our children thrive with close-knit and loving parental relationships. How do we create that bond? Less stress for parents equals easier conversations at the dinner table and more connection.

The state's role in the parental relationship should be a supportive one and not divisive. Parents chose to be caregivers and can provide intricate details of children's successes and struggles - the state cannot.

Therefore, I fully support this bill and do hope that, at a minimum, the parents in the legislature will support it as well.

Best wishes,
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