

Dear Delegate Cox

My husband and I are not in your area, but we support HB1242.

We increasingly worry about government overreach and bills the MD assembly promotes that limits parent's rights to raise children as we see fit.

For example, Currently, there are bills in the House and Senate to allow vaccinations of 14 or 16yo children without parent consent or even knowledge. There is also a bill allowing for children as young as 5 to receive mental health treatment without parent knowledge or consent.

These bills undermine not only the family, but assign parents rights and responsibilities to the state without just cause. And similar laws in other states have allowed for medical kidnapping of children.

The main way people have access to children without parent knowledge is school. My husband and I are homeschooling parents. We no longer trust the state education system, but not everyone is so lucky to be able to provide the best education possible for their children themselves. If people are to trust schools, then the government needs to stop using the schools to usurp parent authority.

Thank you for reading my email,

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