

UNfavorable for HB1036

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Dear Committee,

I urge an UNfavorable on HB1036.

The recent Child Abuse Taskforce was created with a jaundiced view of fatherhood. In seemingly every instance, child abuse was mentioned regarding fathers when the CDC reports that the primary person perpetuating child abuse is a female, most often a single mother. I'll circle back and get you that data.

For now, a reminder that the taskforce called for a fathers rights advocate, I applied, urged others to apply, followed up with Wobensmith & Cavey (Hogan administration) and ultimately the taskforce IGNORED the input of fathers...all the while denigrating fatherhood.

This bill would tell judges how to do their jobs. The judiciary won't be having that.

But further, the rubric is based on unsubstantiated science, subjective emotions, and outright false and flimsy statements about "parental alienation" which is a well-documented syndrome both acknowledged in Maryland appellate opinions as well as a number of white papers FOR YEARS. <https://www.warshak.com/store/index.html#father>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fgRJh26Jho>

Finally, a metric involving lethality is better served in CINA proceedings, where actual drug addicts are sometimes enabled to "parent". (A reminder to the Committee my work involved an entire file room of the files of such parents at the 2nd floor of CINA/DJS.) This committee would be well-served to see the actual dangers of parents with drug problems that to try to legislate fake, junk science.