

February 16, 2022

Maryland General Assembly

Dear Representatives:

I am writing to ask that you vote against the "Parent's Right to Challenge Curriculum Act." As a parent with children in the public schools and as a professional in the field of education, I strongly oppose this act. Education is about exposing individuals to information and teaching them how to think critically about that information. Well educated groups of professionals build curriculum with this goal in mind. As a parent, I may have opinions on some of the information that is presented to my child, but I still want them exposed to that information in school. Children learn by being exposed to many perspectives on a topic and this comes from school, home, and their community. I do not believe that parents should be attempting to censor the information that professional educators deem important to the learning process. Educators spend years learning how to present information in a way that supports multiple perspectives and critical thinking. We must trust our educators to build quality curriculum that exposes students to challenging topics. We must not allow parents to break down that process because they have a bias opinion regarding that information. Please vote against this bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Grignon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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