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RE: In Support of House Bill HB1224 - Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice

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As citizens of the state of Maryland, we wholeheartedly support Maryland **House Bill HB1224**. This testimony seeks to express our rationale for support of **HB1224**.

The fundamental rights of parents to determine what is best for their children and families have been usurped by the Maryland Department of Health and local school boards. Parents have been vilified and subjected to intolerance by local School Boards for trying to protect their children from social and sexual indoctrination.

House Bill HB1224 seeks to require a school health practitioner, health care practitioner, or certified school psychologist employed by or under a contract with a school-based health center, local school system, or local health department to providing school health services at a public school to provide certain information to a certain student's parent or guardian about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to the student. This bill provides transparency to parents into the efforts of those providing health care services in public schools, will give parents the ability to understand potential health or behavioral concerns, and take any appropriate actions.

It is no surprise that States across the country are moving to enact laws that protect fundamental parental rights. It wasn't long ago that parents trusted their elected officials and school boards to assure that their children were being educated in a way that prepared them for success, but those days are now gone. Parents have awoken to the reality that they can no longer trust that their interests are being respected and protected.

We strongly support HB1224 and believe it absolutely necessary to keep parents informed in order to protect and care for our children.