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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

CONDEMNING THE FEDERAL ACTION AGAINST PARENTS AND REAFFIRMING PARENTS' RIGHTS TO
BRING GRIEVANCES TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

1 WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021, Attorney General Merrick Garland, sent a memorandum directing federal law
2 enforcement to partner with state and local governments to address "threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and
3 harassment" of "school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff" in public schools; and

4 WHEREAS, the rhetoric expressed in the memorandum does not accurately reflect the reality of what is occurring
5 nationally and in Delaware; and

6 WHEREAS, the national grassroots interest we are seeing by parents is to be commended and encouraged; and

7 WHEREAS, parents of children in school have the right to peacefully express their opinions about what is being
8 taught in the classroom; and

9 WHEREAS, violence and threats of violence at school board meetings have been isolated and dealt with
10 appropriately by local law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, Amendment 1 of the United States Constitution guarantees, in part, "the right of the people to
12 peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

13 WHEREAS, federal law enforcement should not have the ability to stifle protected speech.

14 NOW, THEREFORE:

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State Delaware that the Senate condemns
16 federal action against parents' rights to bring grievances to school boards.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate strongly condemns violence, threats of violence, harassment, and
18 intimidation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports the rights of parents to peacefully assemble, speak freely,
20 and petition the government, including local school boards on any topic.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution condemns the federal action against parents and reaffirms parents' rights to bring grievances to school boards.

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