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Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

[If writer lives in the Senator's district, start with: I am your constituent in #\_\_\_ District.] I write to you today to share my **very strong opposition** to Virginia House Bill 1461 which would require the VA Board of Education to establish a uniform system of discipline for disruptive behavior.

I oppose this bill due to the many results that will occur if it is enacted:

- Disproportionate class removals for students with disabilities and for students of color, as well as the intersectionality of these two populations
- Increased learning loss for these students as they are denied access to education
- Increased school-to-prison pipeline numbers

This bill will mandate class removals for subjective interpretations of behavior without addressing the underlying reason for the behavior and, therefore, not addressing how to change the behavior. It will disproportionately affect students with disabilities, male students, and students of color. I strongly oppose this legislation.

[Insert a sentence here about your connection to this legislation, eg. I am the parent of a Black, 10 year old boy who receives special education services to support his needs as an autistic child. When he gets frustrated, he sometimes cries or yells in class, which could lead to a classroom removal under this legislation.]

Thank you very much for representing my views in opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Your Address