March 26, 2021

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Leaders of Maryland:

Earlier today, National PTA took the unwarranted and aggressive action of revoking its affiliation agreement with the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. I personally believe this action is retaliation against my revelation of a plot of individuals affiliated with National PTA attempting to mismanage and bankrupt our organization.

Do not fret- we are not going anywhere. Today marks a turning point and a fresh start in our 105-year history. No longer will your membership dues be used to fund \$1,224,818 in salary and compensation of National PTA top leadership. We can re-focus our efforts and energies on what matters—the students, parents, and teachers of the State of Maryland.

There are still details to be sorted out, but during this time of transition, I can promise you two things:

- 1) Your information will remain private. During this transition period, I commit to you that we will not voluntarily give any of your personal or financial information to National PTA
- 2) We are refocusing our scope. The National PTA brand was very limited only to PTA groups. My vision for our organization is to serve groups of all walks of life, including athletic boosters and other school-based nonprofits. For any PTA group that is tired of the drama and bureaucracy of National PTA, please fill out this form if you are interested in disaffiliating from PTA and remaining within our independent structure, possibly as a PTO

I will continue to give you updates as they arise. Please keep in touch with any ideas you have, and let me know what your greatest needs are. Together, we will continue to advocate for a better Maryland for our students.

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