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## DOJ “Looking Into” Maryland Woman Who Reported Kids to Child Protective Services for Attending TPUSA Event

The far-left Karen in Maryland who reported high-school attendees at a Turning Point USA event to child protective services might find herself in hot water before the parents do.

Harmeet Dhillon, the U.S. assistant attorney general for civil rights, said she is looking at the matter, apparently with an eye toward filing charges against busybody Nancy Krause.

The smug leftist told the school board in Calvert County, Maryland, that kids who attend a TPUSA event might be in danger, and that she, as a “mandated reporter” was required to snitch to authorities.

Krause apparently believes that attending a political event where kids will hear views she doesn’t like is child abuse or endangerment.



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I’m looking into this. <https://t.co/KhlkmzJvnw>

— AAGHarmeetDhillon (@AAGDhillon) [February 16, 2026](#)

### Krause’s Short Spiel

As [The New American reported](#) yesterday, Krause appeared before the board after the president of the Calvert County Club America (CCCA) addressed the board about supposed trouble with the event on December 17.

Though affiliated with TPUSA, CCCA is a separate organization. The student explained that all the students who attended the event were there with parents’ permission. “We received much hate, and we posted online that we would not be allowing any adults that are not volunteers nor parents,” the student said.

That’s pretty straightforward. But Krause, another of the “anti-racist” termagants whose high-decibel bellyaching makes participating in public affairs a headache, unbosomed herself of the usual, self-righteous hectoring.

“In December of 2025, Turning Point USA hosted an event marketed to high school students, with food and beverages advertised as an incentive for attendance,” Krause began:

While community-building opportunities for students are important, this event raises serious concerns related to student safety, parental rights, and governance oversight, and that materials indicated that adults, including parents and legal guardians, were not permitted to attend, and that supervision would be provided by unnamed volunteers.



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Excluding parents and guardians from a student-focused event creates a lack of transparency and undermines established best practices for youth safety. School-affiliated or school-adjacent activity should adhere to clear supervision standards, background-check requirements, and defined accountability structures.

Whether Krause thinks “parental rights” and “student safety” means keeping school kids away from crazy “transgender” teachers is rather obvious, but that aside, she also accused board members who spoke at the event of having a “potential conflict of interest.”

Students are “vulnerable,” she said, and in “critical developmental stages, and especially susceptible to influence.”

“All board of education members in this room are mandated reporters under state law, as I am,” she concluded:

Based on the circumstances surrounding this event, a report was made to child protective services.

## **If You’re Conservative, You Could Lose Your Kids**

Conservative activist Corey DeAngelis, a senior advisor with the [Educational Freedom Institute](#), drew the obvious conclusion.

“These lunatics want to take your kids away if you’re conservative,” he wrote on X.

[Mark Fisher](#), a member of Maryland’s House of Delegates representing District 27C in Calvert County, said of Krause: “Let’s be clear: This isn’t about protecting kids — it’s about silencing conservative voices.”

This left-wing Karen said she reported a Turning Point USA chapter to child protective services (CPS) in Maryland.

These lunatics want to take your kids away if you're conservative.

[pic.twitter.com/87DdQnuabU](https://pic.twitter.com/87DdQnuabU)

— Corey A. DeAngelis, school choice evangelist (@DeAngelisCorey) [February 16, 2026](#)

□ SHOCKING: Woman Testifies: Shut Down TPUSA Club, Send Conservative Students to Child Protective Services

Nancy Krause in Calvert County, Maryland reported students to Child Protective Services because they started a Turning Point USA Club America (TPUSA) chapter.

TPUSA... [pic.twitter.com/fU7K3kwkQS](https://pic.twitter.com/fU7K3kwkQS)

— Mark Fisher (@fisher4maryland) [February 14, 2026](#)

Dhillon, the top civil rights official at the Department of Justice, apparently agreed.



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"I'm looking into this," she wrote on X.

## **Federal Inquiries, Likely no Penalties**

Maybe so. Dhillon has warned state officials that attacking those with whom they disagree politically could lead to federal inquiries. After Washington's far-left attorney general Nick Brown threatened to prosecute independent journalists who investigate Somali daycare fraud — apropos of the [same fraud in Minnesota](#) — [Dhillon warned](#) him to back off.

"Asking questions/citizen journalism are NOT HATE CRIMES in America — they are protected speech, and if Seattle tries to chill that speech," she wrote on X. "Govern yourselves accordingly!"

Maryland will likely do nothing with Krause's false report.

"Maryland does not have legal penalties for false reporting of child abuse, but the person who falsely reports abuse is liable for a civil court lawsuit," the [JC Law firm says](#). That means the parents of any students contacted by authorities must sue Krause and hope to recover damages.

Then again, if a report is made in "good faith," as Krause will undoubtedly claim, nothing can be done. "Anyone making a 'good faith' report is immune from civil liability and criminal penalty," the [Maryland Department of Human Services says](#). As well, "Reporting does NOT require PROOF that child abuse or neglect has occurred."

However, Krause could find herself on a list of people who filed an unsubstantiated report.

"At the completion of every CPS investigative response, a determination is made as to whether the reported abuse or neglect is 'indicated' or 'unsubstantiated' or 'ruled out.'" the [Maryland DHS says](#):

Anyone believed responsible for an "indicated" or "unsubstantiated" finding of child abuse or neglect is entered into a central confidential state database that includes the names of all individuals who have been named as responsible in an indicated or unsubstantiated finding as well as a person in an unsubstantiated finding who, while not named as a person responsible, is associated with the finding. These individuals are eligible to seek an appeal of the finding. To apply for appeal, the individual must complete the appeal form that is provided at the completion of the investigation and return it to the address noted on the form within the required timeframe.

Lying to child protective services is not a crime for a mandated reporter, but [lying to police](#) is a misdemeanor that carries a two possible penalties: a \$500 fine or a six-month imprisonment.

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