To the Editor:

As someone who was a victim of court-ordered busing, I applaud Joe Biden for his stance against forced busing in the past (“How Biden Became the Anti-Busing Democrat,” front page, July 15).

In 1973, I was one of the white students who was bused to one of the worst high schools in Prince George’s County in Maryland. How would you have liked to have been forced to attend a high school known for violence, drug abuse and poor academics?

White families in Prince George’s County who had children forcibly bused to poorly performing, unsafe high schools revolted en masse and moved out of the county. Forced busing resulted in a domino effect when these families moved — home values fell and businesses closed. Crime and drug abuse rose countywide.

Busing was stopped in Prince George’s County some 25 years later. Millions of dollars had been wasted, and it had widespread detrimental effects.

The elitist “scholars” will never admit that forced busing was a colossal failure. Nor would they ever send their own children to an unsafe, inferior school.

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