

SB536 // Divorce and Annulment – Removal of Barriers to Remarriage  
In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 12:00 p.m

Dear Senators,

Please vote unfavorably on this bill, SB536.

- \* The bill is overly broad & may be misinterpreted by different cultures.
- \* The bill as written seems to add ambiguity. The way the bill is written it - at one point - states that the affiant will take “all steps within the affiant’s control” yet also states may not “order a party to remove a barrier to remarriage”.
- \* The bill does not seem to value marriage and family. The state of Maryland has a societal interest in reducing family breakdown and in not incentivizing adultery.
- \* Further, it does not seem other states are taking this approach. This article deals with such issues (obviously Maryland does not and should not recognize polygamy)  
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I ask that you vote un-favorable on this bill.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards

Vince