

Bill: SB0933 Position: Support Committee name: Judicial Proceeding

Dear Committee,

My name is Beck Liberatore, and I have lived in Howard County, Maryland my whole life. In 2016, I came out in high school as a nonbinary person and struggled through learning how to exist in the environment. Though I have now graduated and left the Howard County public school system, I am still very invested in its progress regarding the LGBT+ community.

I am writing to urge you to support the minority students in our school system. Creating non-discrimination protections within our education system is the only way to ensure that these students have a safe and effective education. I have seen firsthand the kind of backlash that can result when LGBT+ students come out at school, and I believe that this issue must be addressed if we are to uphold our mission of helping children grow in a safe environment, especially at a time like this, when the current presidential administration is working to remove the rights of our minority community members. Supporting this bill is a necessary step to preserve the rights of not only LGBT+ students but those of any minority, be it race, religion, disability, etc.

Your support gives me and other minority community members hope. Knowing that someone will protect my community and fight for their rights as humans is immensely important. An ideal Howard County includes the protection and preservation of minority lives. Not only are you easing the strain on minority students, but their families as well. Parents of these students benefit greatly from knowing that their children are safe at school as well as at home.

Thank you for your time, and please continue to support minority rights in Maryland. I am counting on you to continue supporting our students.

Thank you for your support,  
Beck Liberatore (they/them)