

BILL: HB0375

BILL TITLE: Open Meetings Act - Application and Enhanced Requirements (Maryland State Agency

Transparency Act of 2022)

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate Korman

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: February 11, 2022

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB0375

Represent Maryland, a grassroot pro-democracy group that advocates at the local and state level, believes all branches of government should be transparent to the people.

Historically, executive branches at the local, state, and federal levels are non-transparent. Information is withheld from the public, and decisions are made in private by unknown players. That information and those decisions impact all citizens and voters. This is not inline with democracy.

We support all efforts to make what happens within executive agencies open to the public, and therefore support HB0375.

Sincerely, Ben Tabatabai, Member Represent Maryland Maryland Voter-LD-07