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(To be offered in the Judicial Proceedings Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 875
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 22, after “Section” insert “20-701(a-1), (f-1), and (h-1) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 3, insert:

“(A-1) “CITIZENSHIP” MEANS THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED
CITIZENSHIP OF A PERSON.”;

and after line 5, insert:

“(F-1) “IMMIGRATION STATUS” MEANS THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED
IMMIGRATION STATUS OF A PERSON.

(H-1) (1) “NATIONAL ORIGIN” MEANS THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED
COUNTRY OR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ORIGIN OF A PERSON OR THE ANCESTORS OF
A PERSON.

(2) “NATIONAL ORIGIN” INCLUDES THE BIRTHPLACE,
ETHNICITY, ANCESTRY, NAME, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE OF A PERSON OR THE
ANCESTORS OF A PERSON.”.

On page 4, in line 14, strike “ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED”; in line 24, strike “OR”;
and in line 27, after “REGULATION” insert “; OR

(4) RESPONDING TO AN INQUIRY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT IS PART OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION".

On page 5, in line 12, after "section," insert "CITIZENSHIP"; in the same line, after the fifth comma insert "IMMIGRATION STATUS"; and in the same line, after the seventh comma, insert "NATIONAL ORIGIN".

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March 3, 2022

SB 875

Discrimination in Housing – Citizenship, Immigration Status, and National Origin

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Position: Support

The Maryland Catholic Conference (“Conference”) represents the public policy interests of the three Roman Catholic (arch) dioceses serving Maryland: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

Senate Bill 875 states the policy of the State to provide fair housing, regardless of certain citizenship or immigration status; prohibiting certain discrimination related to the sale or rental of a dwelling on the basis of citizenship or immigration status, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting a person from inquiring about a person's citizenship, immigration status, or national origin in connection with the rental of a dwelling

The Conference supports legislation that recognizes decent, safe, and affordable housing is a human right. Catholic teaching supports the right to private property, but recognizes that communities and the government have an obligation to ensure the housing needs of all are met, especially poor and vulnerable people and their families. In a time of rising homelessness and when many workers' wages are stagnant and living expenses are rising, it is important to ensure housing security. As stated in *Economic Justice for All: A Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy* “Personal decisions, policies of private and public bodies, and power relationships must all be evaluated by their effects on those who lack the minimum necessities of nutrition, housing, education, and health care.”. Senate Bill 875 seeks to prohibit discrimination in housing of our immigrant communities within Maryland.

The Conference appreciates your consideration and, for these reasons, respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 875.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 875

Discrimination in Housing - Citizenship, Immigration Status, and National Origin

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

March 3, 2022

Submitted by Julia Gross and Kali Schumitz, Co-Chairs

Marylanders Against Poverty (MAP) strongly supports SB 875, which would prohibit housing discrimination based on citizenship or immigration status.

For Maryland families, safe and reliable housing provides the stability needed to secure and maintain employment. Simple luxuries - from showers to kitchens - allow individuals to concentrate on their careers, education, and future. The inability to locate housing because of citizenship or immigration status is therefore a barrier for some of Marylanders most vulnerable individuals and families who are trying to build a life and home for themselves in our state.

Poor housing is intricately connected to poor health outcomes – especially for families who are most likely to face discrimination and poverty. Many low-income Marylanders are forced to live in substandard housing with pest infestations, lead paint exposure, and indoor allergens. Simultaneously, these low-income families live in neighborhoods deficient in green space, access to healthy foods, safe places to play, and efficient transportation.

When families are unable to locate landlords willing to rent or sell to them based on citizenship or immigration status, there are often no state or federal supports in place for these families to turn to, which is why this bill and the protections it provide are critical to the overall health and economic stability of Maryland communities.

MAP appreciates your consideration and urges the committee to issue a favorable report for SB 875.

Marylanders Against Poverty (MAP) is a coalition of service providers, faith communities, and advocacy organizations advancing statewide public policies and programs necessary to alleviate the burdens faced by Marylanders living in or near poverty, and to address the underlying systemic causes of poverty.

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Bill Title: Senate Bill 875, Discrimination in Housing - Citizenship, Immigration Status, and National Origin

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Date: March 3, 2022

Position: Favorable with Amendment

This testimony is offered on behalf of the Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA). MMHA is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members consist of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities. Our members house over 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA also represents over 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry including towing companies.

In the case of a rental of a dwelling, a person may not inquire about a person's citizenship, immigration status, or national origin or disclose or threaten to disclose such information to any other person, including an immigration authority or a law enforcement agency. At the same time, a person is not prohibited from complying with a legal obligation or acting pursuant to a condition for funding under a federal, state, or local government program. Additionally, a housing provider could request information or documentation as part of a standard rental practice to verify the financial qualifications or identity of a potential renter as long as such a practice applies to every potential renter.

MMHA supports the Sponsor's intent but requests an amendment to ensure that housing providers are able to respond to an inquiry from a law enforcement authority during the course of a criminal investigation. That amendment is attached.

For the foregoing reasons, MMHA respectfully requests a **favorable report with amendment on Senate Bill 875.**

Aaron J. Greenfield, MMHA Director of Government Affairs, 410.446.1992



AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 875

Amendment No. 1

On page 4, line 24, strike “OR”; On page 4, in line 27, after “REGULATION” strike “.” and add “;”; On page 4, after line 27, insert “RESPONDING TO AN INQUIRY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY DURING THE COURSE OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.”

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UNFAVORABLE on SB 875

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In testimony in the House Judiciary a few weeks ago, the issue of fatherlessness has arisen.

The societal pathologies caused by fatherlessness will not be diminished or ameliorated by letting criminals go unpunished. Societal pathologies will increase as we wrongfully encourage broken families to enter America...moreso when they arrive illegally.

By encouraging single parents and solo children to illegally enter America, we are burdened with a population that was not invited and is not here legally. Two million under Biden's coma-presidency alone.

They are in fact illegal aliens; they are not – despite what flawed immigration lawyers spout in JPR – entitled to the constitutional protections which legal residents and legally-immigrated citizens are. Please quit regurgitating such misguided application of law. You are JPR.

This bill aims to give rights it cannot. Federal law is clear on the matter and I'm sure Help Save Maryland or FAIR can help provide you documentation on the matter offline.

But more to my gripe with this bill is it aims to inject itself – FOR the benefit on non-citizens AGAINST the actual, iterated rights and financial protections which State and Federal law afford ACTUAL citizens.

This isn't just NOT America First. This is America Last.

These types of bills shouldn't be allowed by a Chair to see daylight.

And we all understand that discussions occur in JPR which gently direct such misguided attempts to unlawfully give away America.

Let's do better, JPR.

humbly offered

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