

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Bill Number: SB1165- Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal

Hearing Date: March 26, 2024

Position: Support

Moveable Feast strongly supports *Senate Bill 1165 – Public Health – Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus – Repeal*.

Moveable Feast began as an organization serving people with HIV. When the HIV epidemic first emerged, people with HIV were stigmatized by the law, our health care system, and general society. Many states passed laws like Maryland’s to criminalize the knowing transmission of HIV. These laws marginalize and unfairly target the LGBTQ community, as well as other marginalized communities, and actively work against our goal of ending the HIV epidemic in Maryland

We urge a favorable report this legislation. It is time to remove the vestiges of laws that stigmatize people with HIV. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.