



**Committee:** House Judiciary Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 485 - Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal

**Hearing Date:** February 6, 2024

**Position:** Support

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Moveable Feast strongly supports *House Bill 485 – Public Health – Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus – Repeal*. Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people with serious illnesses through nutritional counseling and medically-tailored meals.

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, such as certain immigrant populations, with high rates of HIV.

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](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).