

Letter of Support

Senate Bill 733 / House Bill 1129 – Constitutional Officers – Gender-Neutral Language
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
February 27, 2025

Health & Government Operations Committee
March 7, 2025

Thank you, Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and honorable committee members. I come to you today as the 34th Comptroller of the State of Maryland and the first woman to hold this position.

In the state of Maryland, when an officer is not directly referenced with their title or position, they are referenced as “he, him, himself, or his.” Currently, of the seven constitutional officers in Maryland – the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Adjutant General – four of these roles are currently held by women.

It is time to update this outdated language in our Constitution – language that was written before women even had suffrage. Many other states have already adopted the use of gender-neutral pronouns when addressing an individual or office holder in their constitutions, such as California, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont. Maryland must be the next.

I urge a favorable report on SB733/HB1129 and thank Senator Nancy King and Delegate Dana Jones for introducing this corrective legislation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out me.

My best,



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