



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0355

**Education - Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention
Program - Human and Sex Trafficking**

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TO: Chair Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Vice Chair Delegate Jessica Feldman and members of the House Ways and Means Committee

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Dear Chair Delegate Wilkins, Vice Chair Delegate Feldman and all members of the House Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

I am a retired registered nurse, mother and grandmother. I have always believed in education of my children and believe through education, there is knowledge and awareness. We must educate our children in an age appropriate setting, in schools, about the issues of sexual abuse and trafficking.

The Episcopal Church, through General Convention, has long supported efforts to combat human trafficking.

The church believes in a multi-focal effort, education is definitely a part of that.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a
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