



BILL: HB0315

BILL TITLE: Public Ethics - Executive Branch - Lobbying by Former Secretaries of Principal Departments (Shut the Revolving Door Act of 2020)

BILL CONTACT: Delegate Vaughn Stewart

POSITION: Support

February 11, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 315

**Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland**

Represent Maryland supports any and all reforms that increase ethics and transparency and reduce conflict of interest among government officials and employees. Like its predecessors, HB315 ends a potential conflict of interest for one more segment of government -- executive appointments and agency heads.

Leaders of executive agencies should not be concerned with their upcoming job prospects when performing the duties of their agency, nor should they be placed in the untenable position of unfair solicitation by lobbyists and business leaders who promise them jobs in exchange for favors, and this bill puts an end to that.

On behalf of the nearly 10,000 supporters of Represent Maryland we ask that you find this bill favorable.

Sincerely,

Cristi Demnowicz
Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-D45

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