



SB-735: Written Testimony - SUPPORT

February 20, 2020

Dear Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

We are writing on behalf of PFLAG-MetroDC in **support of SB735**, which would repeal the crimes of sodomy and unnatural or perverted sexual practice in the state of Maryland.

In 2003, the Supreme Court ruled in *Lawrence v. Texas* that private sexual acts are protected under the due process clause of the Constitution. Therefore, any laws deeming sodomy illegal should coincide with this ruling and be repealed.

Anti-sodomy laws have been put in place to discriminate and criminalize people in the LGBTQ+ community. It is time for Maryland to join the 37 other states that have repealed anti-sodomy laws and protect the rights of consenting adults to have privacy in their own homes.

We believe that together, we can achieve equality for all.

We urge a **Favorable Report on SB735**.

Thank you,

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