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Testimony for HB0917
Judiciary Committee

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Madame Vice-Chairwoman and distinguished members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T. Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present **House Bill 0917 entitled Criminal Law-Hate Crimes- Basis (Lieutenant Richard Collins, III's Law)**

Bill Overview:

This bill seeks to alter the basis on which a person is prohibited from taking certain actions against a certain person or group, to include certain actions motivated either in whole or in part by another person's or group's race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, or because another person or group is homeless.

Bill Outline:

1. Alter the grounds of which prohibit a person from taking certain action(s) against another group or individual
2. Including certain actions motivated by discrimination as defined in this bill

Conclusion: This bill will redefine the basis of what constitutes a hate crime.

Thank you for your time and I request favorable consideration for this bill. I am open to any questions or concerns you may have about **HB0917**.