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BILL: SB0404

BILL TITLE: State Government – Websites – Required Information

BILL SPONSOR: Senator Augustine

COMMITTEE: EHEA

POSITION: Favorable with amendments

HEARING DATE: February 2, 2021

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB0404

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland

Represent Maryland believes that easy and equal access to information is essential to practicing democracy.

This bill, SB0404, would require a very simple change to current executive agency websites: that the name and a photo of the head of each agency is prominently shown on the agency website.

We'd also like to see listed: an email address to contact them or their office directly and the official twitter handles of the agency and the head of the agency, as applicable. No agency head should be afraid to be contacted by the public that they work for.

We support this bill and hope you will consider these additions to the requested information. Please find SB0404 favorably.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD07

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