

**Committee:** House Health and Governmental Affairs Committee

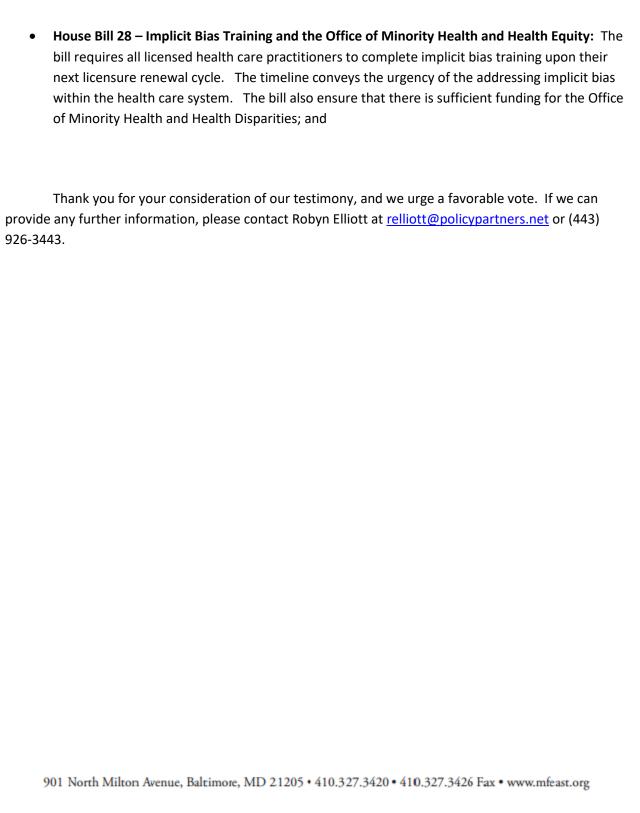
Bill Number: House Bill 309 - Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information

Hearing Date: January 26, 2021

**Position:** Support

Moveable Feast supports *House Bill 309– Public Health – Data – Race and Ethnicity Information.* This bill is an important of component of a legislative package to advance health equity in Maryland. Racism is a driving force of the social determinants of health including food security and is a barrier to health equity. Moveable Feast is supportive of these efforts because of our commitment to improve the lives and health of Marylanders who live at the intersection of food insecurity and critical illness. Therefore, we support the legislative package that includes:

- House Bill 309 Public Health Data Race and Ethnicity Information: This bill enhances
  capacity of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collect and disseminate data
  relevant to evaluate and guide policy decisions to address health inequities;
- House Bill 78 Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health
  Equity Act of 2021): This bill establishes a commission to ensure State agencies develop policies
  through a health equity lens. This approach will enhance the State's efforts in addressing social
  determinants of health including food security, affordable housing, and accessible
  transportation; and



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