

# **Del. Boyce Testimony - Imari's Pride Business Act**

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**RE: Testimony HB182 – State Procurement – Certification of LGBTQ Businesses**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Budget and Taxation,

For the record, I am Delegate Regina T. Boyce, testifying on **HB182 - State Procurement – Certification of LGBTQ Businesses**. HB182 requires the state to post and maintain a list of certified LGBTQ+ businesses in Maryland with the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs.

Currently **Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and California**, and a host of cities (14) already have recognized certified LGBT Business Certified Enterprises (LGBTBES) with the following states in the process to recognize LGBTBES: Oregon, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, and Illinois.

In November of **2019, Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) approved policy** to include The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) Certified LGBT Business Enterprises® (Certified LGBTBES®) in contracting and procurement opportunities. Our very own Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce is a proud local affiliated chamber of NGLCC. In 2018 our very own **Baltimore City, through Executive Order 2018-02**, recognized LGBTQ-Owned business entities, those with 51% or more ownership by LGBTQ+ individuals. In 2021, the City of Baltimore moved to codify the executive order with **city ordinance 21-0033** by Councilwoman Odette Ramos. The ordinance is expected to be heard in committee in February.

With more diverse providers, **Maryland can achieve statewide goals and save taxpayer’s dollars** by creating greater competition while driving down bid prices. LGBT business owners add \$1.7 Trillion to the US economy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my constituent, Terrance Threweatt, who submitted this bill request in honor of this brother, Imari, who passed away. Imari designed and sold gender-affirming apparel for transmen.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB182. I urge a favorable report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regina T. Boyce".

Regina T. Boyce

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# UNfavorable – HB0182

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Dear Senators,

This is the 2nd time I've advocated against this bill.

The bill first caught my eye because it contained the term "rebuttable presumption";

this is the term Sen. Jill Carter offered the House in her 2011 bill, HB1132.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebSite/Search/Legislation?target=/2011rs/billfile/hb1132.htm>

As most of you are aware, I'm a little familiar with such legal concepts.

As applied in the sponsor's bill HB0182 in 2021, this was an outright lie, which I mentioned in HGO testimony. In 2022, I applauded the sponsor from removing that overt and bold-faced lie

from the bill in my oral testimony, unfavorable on this HB0182. **But this bill is still**

**perverse with graft, lies and inappropriateness.**

I urge an UNFavorable on HB0182.

I refer to you the host of those who testified as UNFavorable on this bill in the House HGO.

In House HGO, a few delegate members openly tried to dismiss unfavorable discussion and to censor speech regarding the real-world issues surrounding this gross and awkward concept.

<https://youtu.be/KRsrcUAOsIg?t=1860>

For instance, how does one verify belonging to this "club"? The other "club members"?

That very point was raised in this UNFAVORABLE testimony in the House HGO hearing along with the requisite bias AGAINST heterosexual business owners.

**A Citizen/Business Owner's Written Testimony AGAINST HB182**

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/cmtetestimony/2022/hgo/1jz8imq5UDIEjlcFSXbbLVdYkmU0uqOx0.pdf>

That testimony highlights how this bill would set aside this "club", this LGBTQP "cluster", as special insider recipients of State contracts.

I personally spoke to the issue of using such graphics details being below the State's dignity...

to enter in to FINANCIAL issues regarding who/what one has sexual activity with.

(Queued to my testimony here:: <https://mgahouse.maryland.gov/mga/play/e638677b-c734-4d8f-8b0a-86d7bac5ad3b/?catalog/03e481c7-8a42-4438-a7da-93ff74bdaa4c&playFrom=1367043&autoStart=true>)

Finally, as I proffered to House HGO committee, here is the written testimony

regarding LGBTQpedophilia that I referenced. Not one delegate asked for insights or data -- some

even harassed me and censored my testimony. I can't recall that happening -- not even a handful

of times - in the 10 years I've been in front of you. It's nazi-like behavior.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/cmtetestimony/2022/jud/1KXowdK3U1AZEIz4vLI9ORKkj1m5GSoJ9.pdf>

At the bottom of that testimony, you'll see links to articles. These aren't my articles. This isn't

anything that we as parents collect. **This is simply what made the news between your 2021 Session and your 2022 Session.** Here are the links contained in that testimony.

"This is what happened since you last met in 2021::

Transgender arrested in ladies room, child porn.

<https://twitter.com/libsoftiktok/status/1450904208018968583>

Loudon County pushed LGBT pedophilia books in library

<https://cdn.churchmilitant.com/videos/dist/even-2021-09-27.mp4#t=1740>

Washington Post Readers Revolt ... Kids to Be Exposed to 'Kink' at Pride Parades

<https://www.westernjournal.com/washington-post-readers-revolt-paper-publishes-op-edcalling-kids-exposed-kink-pride-parades/>

The Left Has A Pedophilia Problem, And It's Out In The Open

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/07/30/the-left-has-a-pedophilia-problem-and-its-out-in-the-open>

Matt Walsh - "We're coming for your children"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o8nzQ5afwI> "

I urge an UNFavorable for HB0182.

Thank you, Senators !

humbly offered

~vince

# **HB0182 - MBE - LGTBQ Certification - Crossover - L**

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
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***Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 182 – State Procurement – Certification of LGBTQ Businesses***

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 182 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 182 provides for the certification of firms that are at least 51% owned and controlled by individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ). House Bill 182 further requires that the State certification agency under § 14-303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article certify LGBTQ businesses, as well as compile and maintain a list of certified firms in the State for the purpose of identifying and encouraging outreach to LGBTQ businesses and tracking the use of certified LGBTQ businesses on State procurement contracts.

The MDOT is the State certification agency for the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program and operates the unified certification program for the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Although the MDOT implements certification processes to ensure that both goal-based Programs are narrowly tailored, these processes are not necessarily pertinent to or suitable for the outreach and tracking program contemplated for LGBTQ businesses under House Bill 182. A more streamlined, self-registration process, such as the process used by the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, Women-owned Business Affairs (GOSBA) to implement Maryland's Small Business Reserve (SBR) Program and the Veteran Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program, may be better suited to achieve the goals of this legislation. For the SBR and VSBE Programs, businesses self-certify as a vendor on the State's e-Procurement platform, eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA). Such procurement-related, self-registration processes have not historically been delegated to the MDOT.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 182.

Respectfully submitted,

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