



## House Bill 572

### Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings – Gender-Inclusive Signage

February 16, 2022

#### Position: INFO

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The *Restaurant Association of Maryland* has worked with the sponsor of this legislation to address our concerns. As a result, this legislation includes a warning for a first violation, allows at least 30 days for compliance between an initial violation warning and the second violation fine, clarifies allowable signage, and includes grandfathering language for signage in use before October 1, 2022.

For these reasons, we have no opposition to this legislation and sincerely appreciate that Delegate Solomon worked with us to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

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