



The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chairman
Economic Matters Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB0008 Labor and Employment – Family and Medical
Leave Insurance Program

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Black Girls Vote is writing to express their unified support for the passage of HB0008. The passage of HB0008 is vital to the members of Black Girls Vote (BGV), as well as many Maryland residents. The availability of Family and Medical Leave is essential and has been made apparently so during the COVID Pandemic.

BGV supports the notion that a Statewide leave bank is formed within each organization and that all employers must participate. The additional coverage that FMLA gives to families as well as caregivers is vital when times remain uncertain, and the economic impact that job loss has on a family is determined.

We appreciate the work that the Economic Matters Committee is currently working on to ensure that all socio-economic issues are addressed and reinforced for individuals in the State of Maryland.

Respectfully,

Krystal Lephart
Black Girls Vote
Advocacy Co-Lead



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Re: HB0128 Debt Settlement Services – Student Education Loan Debt Relief
Disclosures and Prohibitions

Dear Mr. Chairman

Black Girls Vote is writing to express their unified support for the passage of HB0128. The passage of HB00128 is vital to the members of Black Girls Vote (BGV), as well as many Maryland residents. There are far too many residents' who are directly impacted by the burdens of Student loans and Student Loan debt.

BGV believes that if more Loan Servicers were required to be forthcoming with all disclosures involving student debt, as well as abiding by prohibited acts; Maryland residents would be in a better situation. All residents have the right to make an informed decision with all of the facts, about what impacts it can have on their current situation. The student debt settlement process is cumbersome, and most agencies act in bad faith. The passage of this bill will encourage settlement servicers to be open and honest in the negotiations phases as well as forward in the long term impact.

We appreciate the work that the Ways and Means Committee is currently working on to ensure that the laws of Maryland are reinforced for the State of Maryland.

Respectfully,

Krystal Lephart
Black Girls Vote