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# State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights

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**March 31, 2022**

## **House Bill 516 – St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment POSITION: Support**

Dear Chairperson Pinsky, Vice Chairperson Kagan, and Members of the Senate Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee:

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (“MCCR”; “The Commission”) is the State agency responsible for the enforcement of laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, health services and state contracts based upon race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, physical and mental disability, and source of income.

House Bill 516 alters the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission enabling statute’s list of protected classes by adding sexual orientation and gender identity. HB 516 also adds prohibition against discrimination in education. In doing this, their mandate is to “encourage and ensure equal treatment of all people in **ACCORDANCE** with federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to housing, **EDUCATION**, employment, and public accommodations.”

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights supports HB 516 because it provides additional protected classes and a new area of coverage under the statute for the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission to ensure equal treatment in the community.

For these reasons, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights strongly urges a favorable vote on HB 516. Thank you for your time and consideration of the information contained in this letter. The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights looks forward to the continued opportunity to work with you to improve and promote civil rights in Maryland.

*MCCR’s Biennial Civil Rights & Fair Housing Gala Celebration: April 30, 2022*

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March 31, 2022

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 516 – St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment**

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

As the Senator representing St. Mary's County, I am writing to state my support for House Bill 516 – St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 516. Thank you for your consideration of this local St. Mary's County bill. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey  
District 29  
Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

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St. Mary's County – Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment

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Maryland Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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We support HB 516 and request a favorable report. We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,  
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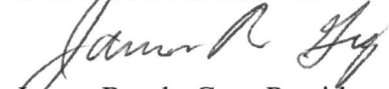
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