

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
and Members of The Health and Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 182- State Procurement- Certification of LGBTQ Businesses- OPPOSE

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee,

In my opinion, certifying businesses as LGBTQ for the purpose of state procurement, causes the following:

- Special treatment of said group of business owners
- Discrimination against those who are not certified as such
- More division amongst citizens
- Elimination of the equality that the Biden Administration proposes

State procurement should be based upon merit and not one's social preferences. No such legislation exists for Maryland heterosexual business owners and therefore should not be a consideration for LGBTQ business owners. This is completely unfair, totally biased, and discriminatory.

Therefore, I ask that you vote an Unfavorable Report for HB 182.

Thank you for your time,
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