



SB0022: Written Testimony - SUPPORT

January 17, 2022

Dear Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

We are writing on behalf of PFLAG-MetroDC in **support of SB0022**.

In 2003, the Supreme Court ruled in *Lawrence v. Texas* that private sexual acts are protected under the due process clause of the Constitution. Therefore, any laws — deeming these acts to be illegal — should coincide with this ruling and be repealed.

Such laws have been put in place to discriminate and criminalize people in the LGBTQ+ community. It is time for Maryland to join the most other states that have repealed these laws.

We believe that together, we can achieve equality for all. We urge a **Favorable Report on SB0022**.

Nicolle Campa She|Her|Hers

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Board President

Mark Eckstein He|Him|His

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MD Advocacy Co-chair

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Keeping Families Together!

Metro DC PFLAG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, volunteer organization founded in 1983 and oversees sixteen (16) PFLAG Community Groups across Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia. As a chapter of PFLAG, we strive to promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons and their families and friends through support, education, and advocacy to end discrimination and secure equal rights.