



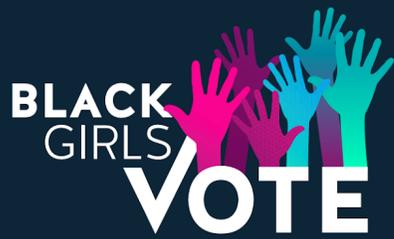
Testimony for HB0025
Public Health
Healthy Maryland Program
Written Testimony

Position: Favorable

My name is Sakeenah Boyd. I am a resident of Baltimore County representing the Black Girls Vote advocacy committee. I would like to provide written and oral testimony for HB00329. I have been impacted by Universal Healthcare. When I turned 21, I had my first child and received a job at The United States Postal Service. I was taken off of Medicaid because I made too much money to qualify. Obama care had just been introduced. I called in eager to hear my options. As a single mother, I could not afford to pay for Obamacare for me and my son. I believe that if Maryland had Universal Healthcare, it could help many single mothers like myself in tough times while many other necessities are rising in price since the pandemic. Many families can not afford health care that is required in the state of Maryland. Without having health insurance, we are fined when we file our taxes. If we cannot afford the health insurance, then why should we be fined? Universal Healthcare is for all. Many people miss doctors appointments because they cannot afford to pay the copay or health insurance as a whole. The flood of emergency rooms and wait times is impacted greatly due to lack of health insurance. Providing Marylanders with Universal Healthcare could fix so many of the things that are wrong with the healthcare system. We could all receive quality care, as we wouldn't be judged by whether we have a high option or low option health insurance plan. Universal Healthcare should be granted to all in Maryland. You may follow up with me by emailing boysakeenah@gmail.com or calling 443-286-7122. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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