

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Meinyk, Chair,
and Members of The Health and Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0283 – Trans Health Equity Act-**OPPOSE**

Inasmuch as I support equal treatment in all aspects of life for all individuals, I must urge your opposition for HB0283 for several reasons.

- ❖ Maryland Medical Assistance, being funded by Marylanders' tax dollars, should not be required to pay for **elective** gender-affirming treatment. Consistent with the fact that I am not a physician, I fail to comprehend any situation that gender-affirming treatment would be medically necessary.
- ❖ Payment for all other elective surgical procedures is denied by any and all medical insurance entities; gender affirming treatment is no different.
- ❖ HB0283 does not exclude children or teens under 21 years from puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and/or surgery to remove breasts or reproductive organs.

I urge you to consider these arguments against HB0283 and present an UNFAVORABLE report against HB0283.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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