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Maryland General Assembly Members of the Judiciary Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0426-Correctional Facilities-Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Inmates (Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act)

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 426 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

After reviewing the fiscal notes of HB 453, submitted in 2022, we believe that HB 426 is not necessary due to the current law policies already in place.

Biological men should be housed with biological men and the same for women.

There are already anti-discrimination provisions in current laws in the State.

Perhaps having a separate section of existing prison facilities designated for LGBTQ persons would be a solution to whatever problems they experience in a facility of their biological sex.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers