

Planned Parenthood of Maryland

**Committee:** House Judiciary Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 426

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

**Hearing:** February 21, 2023

**Position:** Support

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland strongly supports *House Bill 426 - Correctional Facilities - Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Inmates (Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act)*.

PPM provides health care to transgender Marylanders and fully supports the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community. This bill will serve to mitigate many deficiencies with current policies and help transgender, nonbinary, and intersex incarcerated individuals to live in a safe, gender-affirming environment. Individuals who are incarcerated and transgender are routinely housed according to their sex assigned at birth with no regard for their gender identity or what would be safest for them. They are then subjected to violence by other inmates and at-risk of being placed in solitary confinement. This bill will protect the health and safety of incarcerated individuals by requiring housing placements that aligns with gender identity.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).