

Senate Bill 119 - FAVORABLE
Health and Government Operations Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 119, regarding gender affirming treatment, a Favorable report.

Gender affirming care saves lives. There's a significant amount of research about how mental health improves when transgender people can access gender affirming healthcare. Anyone who cares about others, anyone who cares about transgender people, anyone who's against suicide, and anyone who considers themselves prolife should easily agree that Senate Bill 119 is an important piece of legislation.

Unfortunately, there are increasing numbers of states where the legislators don't care about the well-being of transgender people. They'd rather see transgender people suffer, and even die, than allow them to get medical treatment. The same people who claim that they support parents' rights are stripping the rights of the parents to get their trans children necessary healthcare. Imagine being trapped in a place where your representatives wanted your child to die because they were trans.

I believe that most Marylanders are different. We care about people in our own state, and we care about people throughout the country. While many transgender people are leaving hostile states, not everyone has the ability to move. It is our moral duty to help them survive if we can. Please enable people to safely come to Maryland for gender-affirming healthcare by giving Senate Bill 119 a favorable report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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