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Human Relations – Discrimination by a Place of Public Accommodation

Dear Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Cullison, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Invidious discrimination hurts us as a society, it divides people and impedes people from realizing their potential. Public accommodations have a responsibility to provide their products and services to all equally on a first come, first served, basis. The Commission on Civil Rights that protects citizens from unlawful employment discrimination should also be protecting citizens from unlawful public accommodations discrimination. This bill providing more enforcement remedies against public accommodations that discriminate is welcome. Secular Maryland favors firm protections against invidious discrimination for both employment and public accommodations.

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