

Senate Bill 314 (SB314): Birth Certificate Modernization Act written testimony

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TESTIMONY Favorable: **Senate Bill 314 (SB314): Birth Certificate Modernization Act**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0314 - Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 2/5, 2p

TO: Chair Beidle, Chair Smith, and members of the Senate Finance & Judicial Proceedings Committees

Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Felicity Prince, resident of Maryland, and I am writing to support SB314, Birth Certificate Modernization Act. I serve our community by providing fair and equitable healthcare rates. My company Kaiser Permanente is also dedicated to providing high quality healthcare to everyone including our LGBTQ+ community.

The proposed Birth Certificate Modernization Act would streamline procedures for amending sex on birth certificates, licenses and IDs, and introducing a gender-neutral designation option. We want to support our transgender community and ease the administrative burden with uniformed agencies.

SB314 is important because it will increase safety, health, and wellness for transgender people and their families, all of whom rely on an accurate birth certificate for many vital functions including but not limited to: obtaining health or life insurance coverage, obtaining a U.S. passport, enrolling in school, parents or guardians ability to obtain for their children medical or behavioral health care services.

I urge you to support SB314 lifesaving legislation to expand access to healthcare for transgender Marylanders.

Sincerely,

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