



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0129

**Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Advisory
Committee and Hospital Reporting**

FAVORABLE

DATE January 30, 2025

**TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and all
Members of the Senate Finance Committee**

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Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and Members of the Senate Finance
Committee.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write testimony on this important Bill.

The Episcopal Church has a long record of supporting equity in all aspects of life,
but is especially concerned with Health Care as it impacts all of our lives, literally
from birth to death.

We are mandated to do this as it asks us in our Book of Common Prayer:

“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of
every human being?”

It is our duty as Episcopalians and as citizens of this country and the State of
Maryland to do so.

We should enact this study and be ready to act to correct the deficiencies that will be
found.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a **Favorable** report obtained by SB0129