

**Senate Bill 314**  
**Finance and Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**February 5, 2025**  
**Position: Favorable**

Esteemed Chair Beidle, Chair Smith and members of the Senate Finance and Judicial Proceedings Committees, my name is Amy Isler. I am a former high school English teacher in Baltimore County Public Schools, mother of two children, and a constituent of Maryland District 44A. **I support SB 314, Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act).** It's important that parents be able to easily prove they are related to their own children after a legal name change through the Maryland courts.

Codifying this process makes good common sense for lots of reasons. It follows the lead of other states, and it follows the guidelines already in place at other Maryland government agencies, like the MVA. Most of all, this bill eases the burden of accessing accurate administrative documents for the trans community. As a parent who has had to go through name changes in the past, I know what a bureaucratic headache it can be, completing forms, gathering documentation, making appointments, and taking time off of work, only to be told you are missing one piece, or need to have something notarized. A bill that can streamline and simplify processes, while also affirming peoples' gender identities is absolutely a win-win.

For these reasons, I **urge a favorable report on SB 314. Thank you.**