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LETTER OF SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1368 & SENATE BILL 314

February 18, 2025

Chair Peña-Melnyk and Chair Beidle:

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB1368/SB314: Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)**. As advocates and stewards of the LGBTQ+ community, we believe this bill will protect, strengthen, and secure LGBTQ+ rights for all LGBTQ+ residents. The benefits and effects of passing the proposed legislation will create a positive and long-lasting change for all of Maryland.

HB1368/SB314 seeks to alter the circumstances under which the Secretary of Health is required to make a new certificate of birth due to the change of the sex designation of an individual. It also requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to comply with altering the sex designation on a license and/or identification card that it issues. This bill is relevant to the LGBTQ+ community because it ensures that individuals' gender identities are accurately reflected on official documents, reducing discrimination and barriers to accessing essential services.

Thank you for your consideration of the bill and its positive effects on the LGBTQ+ community. Please reach out to us regarding any additional questions or concerns on the bill. We appreciate your efforts in fostering community and furthering rights for all Marylanders.

Respectfully,

Delegate Kris Fair
Chair