

HB 1368 – Favorable – Health and Government Operations Committee

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TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT OF HB1368** - Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

Hearing Date: February 5, 2025

TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of the House Finance & Judicial Proceedings Committees

Delegate Pena-Melnyk and members of the FHealth and Government Operations Committee my name is Lisa Harbin and I live in Baltimore, Maryland. I am writing to support HB 1368, the Birth Certificate Modernization Act.

In light of the current U.S. administration's attacks on trans and non-binary individuals, we in Maryland must do whatever we can to protect the rights of everyone in our state. HB 1368 will allow Maryland parents who have changed their name or gender to update their child's birth certificate to reflect those changes. Currently, if a parent changes their name or gender on their driver's license or passport, they can't update their child's birth certificate to match. Discrepancies in a parent's identity in legal documents can impact their parental rights if they are called into question (for example, during divorce proceedings).

I have family members and beloved friends who are trans and non-binary, and fortunately, several of them are also Maryland citizens. You can fortify my loved ones' rights and the rights of all Marylanders by passing HB 1368.

Please support HB 1368 and help keep Maryland families secure.

Sincerely,

Lisa Harbin