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**HB 1368 SUPPORT**  
**Birth Certificate Modernization Act**

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Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Hello. My name is Mairin Mead and I am trans woman writing on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick LGBTQ+ Democracy in Action group. I wish to convey the desire of my organization to lend its support to the passage of Maryland HB1368/SB0314. Getting documents that match your lived gender identity is incredibly important to accessing employment and housing where unexpected discrepancies can easily result in denials of service. Considering that difficulties accessing basic needs is still one of the major challenges faced by trans people, this bill would do much to simplify this process and reduce these challenges with minimal cost to the state.

When considering the national situation, it is especially critical for this legislation to be passed. Those who wish to deny trans people basic human dignity are attempting to do so by making it easy to identify and target us through discrepancies in documentation. By passing this bill Maryland takes a big step in ensuring that this cruelty is prevented and that all people can access the dignity that they deserve. Maryland has been a beacon of light for me and my community in this time; please continue to work to keep it a place of hope in America.

Respectfully,

Mairin Mead and the UUCF LGBTQ+ community