

## **Testimony Opposing HB1368 – Birth Certificate Modernization Act**

*Presented to the Health and Government Operations Committee  
and the Environment and Transportation Committee*

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Chair and Committee members,

My name is Dr. Greg Kame, and I serve as the Senior Pastor of Glen Burnie Baptist Church. I am also an associational leader within the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware and a member of the Convention's Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee.

As a Christian theologian, I am deeply concerned with the relationship between church and state, believing that this relationship should reflect God's original design for the flourishing of society. It is from this perspective that I write to express my strong opposition to HB1368, which seeks to introduce an "undecided" sex designation on Maryland Birth Certificates, Licenses, and Identification Cards, creating a third option for "sex" in addition to "male" and "female."

While I recognize the complexities of identity issues in contemporary culture, I believe this bill raises significant theological and ethical concerns. And given the substantial Christian population in Maryland, these concerns should be taken seriously.

According to data from the Pew Research Center and the Public Religion Research Institute, more than 60% of Maryland's adult population identifies as Christian, representing a diverse mix of denominations, including Evangelical Protestants, Mainline Protestants, and Roman Catholics.

This indicates that the majority of Marylanders view issues of sex and gender through a Judeo-Christian lens, as expressed in Genesis 1:27 which says, *"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."*

I argue that for many Marylanders, the distinction between male and female is not arbitrary, but a reflection of God's intentional design for humanity. Introducing "undecided" as a third category would undermine this fundamental truth, implying that God's created order is incomplete or subject to revision.

Rather than serving the common good, the approval of this bill would create confusion and pressure religious organizations—including churches, faith-based schools, and charities—within our state to acknowledge a definition of sex that directly contradicts their deeply held convictions.

To preserve the natural order as designed by God and avoid forcing religious communities to compromise their beliefs, I urge this Committee to vote against HB1368 and uphold the binary understanding of sex in Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

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