

House Bill 1399
Health Occupations - Cross Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors - Prohibition
March 11, 2025
Unfavorable

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

My name is Amy Isler. I am a former high school English teacher in Baltimore County, a mother of two, and a constituent of Maryland District 44A. **I strongly oppose HB 1399.**

It is unfortunately not shocking to me that this kind of discriminatory, ignorant, and stupid language would be submitted with seriousness, but it is still disappointing. What a waste of time for all who have to read, respond to, and fight this blatantly biased Republican nonsense. It is obvious reading through this garbage bill that the writers have relied on lies and talking points, rather than facts. It is particularly galling to me as a parent that these hateful writers have equated “protecting children” with denying children access to life-saving gender affirming care. Gender affirming care for youth has been proven safe; it saves lives by reducing suicidality; it is reversible; and it is being administered under strict and rigorous rules by professionals.

Other states may be open to this white supremacist rhetoric. Make no mistake: anti-trans hate is steeped in racism. Maryland is, I hope, better than that, with the affirmation of Governor Moore’s Executive Order declaring Maryland a transgender sanctuary state. With the legislative support this body has shown to transgender Marylanders and their health care providers in the passing of protections for gender affirming care in the past, I trust that this bill will end up where it belongs: in the trash.

I strongly urge an unfavorable report on HB 1399. Thank you.