

TESTIMONY FOR HB0950 Child Abuse and Neglect – Disclosure of Reports and Records

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Wilson

Committee: Judiciary

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0950 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill will expand the persons that the Department of Human Services can inform about a report or record of child abuse or neglect. Those persons now include –

- The administrator of a child care center operated by the state or local government or in a stateoccupied building
- The administrator or manager of a youth sports program
- The administrator, or other appropriate personnel of any organization that provided adult supervision or care and control of children

Our members believe that anyone who preys on, or harms a child through neglect, should be known to everyone who works with other children.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.