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**LETTER OF SUPPORT
HOUSE BILL 324 & SENATE BILL 293**

February 18, 2025

Chair Atterbeary and Chair Feldman:

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB324/SB293: County Boards of Education - Antibias Training for Members - Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)**. As advocates and stewards of the LGBTQ+ community, we believe this bill will protect, strengthen, and secure LGBTQ+ rights for all LGBTQ+ residents. The benefits and effects of passing the proposed legislation will create a positive and long-lasting change for all of Maryland.

HB324/SB293 requires the local board of education members to complete anti-bias training at least once during the member's term. It's important that local board members undergo anti-bias training to ensure they are not biased in the decisions they make as leaders in K-12 education. This is important to protect LGBTQ students in the decisions that Board of Education members make to prevent harmful decisions from happening.

Thank you for your consideration of the bill and its positive effects on the LGBTQ+ community. Please reach out to us regarding any additional questions or concerns on the bill. We appreciate your efforts to foster community and further the rights of all Marylanders.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kris Fair".

Delegate Kris Fair
Chair