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### **LETTER OF SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 875**

February 18, 2025

Chair Atterbeary:

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB875: Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education**. 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.

HB875 establishes the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to further the discovery, interpretation, and learning of the history, culture, and civics of the United States and Maryland and provide equitable learning outcomes consistent with certain provisions of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and generally relating to the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education. This bill is needed to ensure that the history, culture, and civics of all communities, including LGBTQ+ individuals, are accurately represented and taught in Maryland's educational system. By establishing the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education, the bill aligns with the LGBTQ+ Caucus's goals of promoting inclusive education and equitable learning outcomes. It aims to ensure that the contributions and experiences of marginalized groups are included in the curriculum, supporting the broader goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the state's educational framework.

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

Respectfully,

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Delegate Kris Fair  
Chair