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Testimony in Opposition to Bill SB 4

My name is Jonathan Kim, and I am a constituent residing in Laurel, MD, within your district. I am a current student attending the University of Maryland, College Park, and I am writing to express my opposition to SB 4.

I strongly believe that SB 4 represents an unconstitutional assault on our core First Amendment rights, including religious liberty, freedom of speech, and the autonomy of churches and faith-based charities. Religious communities have long played a crucial role in shaping moral discourse, and any policy that restricts our ability to speak, teach, or operate according to our beliefs raises serious constitutional concerns. I believe this bill establishes a risk that could limit the independence and voices of faith communities in matters of public life.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote NO on SB 4, both in committee and on the floor. I also ask that you reject any effort to penalize or restrict churches for preaching, teaching, or speaking about candidates, elections, and the ideas that shape our shared public life. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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