

IN SUPPORT OF Senate Bill #626: Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards-
Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

I am writing today to express my strong support for SB626- Certificates of Birth, Licenses,
and Identification Cards- Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act).

This bill removes outdated obstacles that currently hinder transgender Marylanders from
obtaining updated, accurate birth certificates with respect to names and gender markers.
At a time when the rights and wellbeing of transgender and nonbinary individuals face
growing challenges at the federal level, Maryland has a responsibility to provide clear
protections within the state. This bill is an important step toward fulfilling this responsibility
by protecting the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of nonbinary and transgender individuals in
Maryland. For transgender and nonbinary individuals, having identification that accurately
reflects their identity is essential for safety.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 626.

Sincerely,
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