



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0626**

Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

### **FAVORABLE**

**TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee.**

**FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: February 25, 2026**

**Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this bill.**

I am a retired registered nurse and am very much in favor of passing this very important bill.

I am also a member of the Episcopal Church.

The Church has strongly supported efforts to equalize care and to stop discrimination in the LGBTQ population. This would include those who identify as non-binary or transgender.

Everyone should have the freedom to be who they are and be able to live to that, especially in regards to their sexuality. In this society, it is vital that our documents match who we are.

The Church believes in “Support legislation banning practices that try to change people’s sexual orientation or force them to deny their gender identity.”

Being able to replace inaccurate documents with corrected and updated information is an affirmation to who they are and will allow people to function without potential discriminatory restrictions.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a**

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