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**Committee: Government, Labor, and Elections**  
**Testimony on: HB1192, State Board of Sign Language Interpreters - Membership and Licensing**  
**Organization: Individual**  
**Person Submitting: Lore Lyon Rosenthal**  
**Position: Unfavorable**  
**Hearing Date: March 10, 2026**

Dear Chairwoman Wells and members of the committee,

I am writing in opposition to **HB1192 - State Board of Sign Language Interpreters - Membership and Licensing**

I am a sign language interpreter. I have been nationally certified for over 40 years.

I am thrilled that Maryland has set their own standards for licensure of interpreters. However, unlike the national certifying organization (RID), this bill would expand the number of board members who do not know anything about sign language and deaf culture.

The RID is run by my peers, both interpreters and deaf people. They are the ones who should be deciding on interpreter qualifications, not government employees.

I urge you to keep the board make up as it currently stands and move ahead with the licensure process. There are many interpreters in limbo, waiting for this issue to be resolved.

For all these reasons, I recommend an unfavorable report on HB1192.

Thanks,

Lore Lyon Rosenthal