



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0334**  
**State Procurement - Constitutional Violations - Prohibited**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Ruth  
**Committee:** Government, Labor, and Elections  
**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition  
**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair  
**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB0334 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill, if enacted, would require any bidder for a state contract to certify they are not engaging in any actions that violate the U.S. Constitution or the Maryland Constitution and they will refrain from engaging in any actions that violate the U.S. Constitution or the Maryland Constitution for the duration of the contract.

This is something that we shouldn't even suspect businesses of doing, but in 2026 there are too many examples of businesses who value profits over the people and the laws of this country. We have learned, to our detriment, that although we say we are a nation of laws, we don't really have laws when we need them. We have practices and we rely on the good behavior of people in positions of power to respect our ideals. Clearly, this needs to change.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.