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**LETTER OF SUPPORT
HOUSE BILL 0334**

February 24, 2026

Chair Wells, Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB0334: State Procurement - Constitutional Violations - Prohibited**. As advocates for the LGBTQ+ community in the General Assembly, we believe this bill will create a positive and long-lasting change for LGBTQ+ Marylanders and all of Maryland.

HB0334 would require a State procurement officer to obtain a certification from a bidder or offeror and would require them to include a clause in a State procurement contract relating to unconstitutional activity. LGBTQ+ youth disproportionately rely on publicly funded services, such as foster care systems, juvenile justice facilities, and homeless shelters, which are typically operated by contractors. Because the certification requires contractors to affirm that they do not engage in unconstitutional discrimination, this protects the LGBTQ+ community by reducing public funding to entities and services that may discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you for considering the bill's positive effects on the LGBTQ+ community. Please reach out to us regarding any additional questions or concerns on the bill.

Respectfully,

Delegate Kris Fair
Chair