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Good evening, Senate Lam and committee,

I am writing to urge you to pass SB 0626 the birth certificate modernization act. This will make it easier for parents to upgrade their information on their children's Maryland birth certificates, as well as modernize the process for transgender Marylanders updating the gender marker on their own birth certificates. This will also remove gatekeeping to a change gender marker on our own birth certificates. This will also allow individuals to put an X marker on Maryland birth certificates.

Please realize there are several amendments. We want to propose getting rid of Sne. McKays amendment. This is not necessary and filled with transphobic hatred.

Sincerely,

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