



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1537**

**Public Health - Newborn Screening Program - Metachromatic  
Leukodystrophy**

**FAVORABLE**

**TO: Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall, Delegate Bonnie Cullison and members  
of the House Health Committee**

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Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: March 18, 2026**

**Dear Chair Delegate Bagnall, Vice Chair Delegate Cullison and all members  
of the House Health Committee**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.**

**I looked at research being done to determine if this was an appropriate test to  
add to the newborn screenings.**

**I found that the research supports the addition of the screening.**

**There are treatments that can be offered if the disease is caught early and  
before symptoms arise.**

**The Episcopal Church is a strong proponent of good health care, including  
diagnostic testing and treatment.**

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

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