

Health Committee
Senate Bill 626
Favorable with Amendment

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 626 a favorable report with an amendment.

Birth certificates are among the documents used to verify one's identity, and also identify one's parents' identities. When they enroll their children in school and in camps, birth certificates are often requested, showing the identities of the parents. They need to show their children's birth certificates and their own IDs when getting their minor children passports. Sometimes they need to bring their children's birth certificates on flights. Transgender parents shouldn't have to out themselves each time their children's birth certificates are needed, and they shouldn't have to jump through expensive and time-consuming hoops in order to get their correct name and gender on their children's birth certificates.

Please amend Senate Bill 626 by removing the changes made by Senator McKay's amendment on the Senate floor. Sen. McKay's amendment is unnecessary and puts transgender people at significant risk under the Trump administration. Maryland should not allow the possibility that a list of transgender people be created.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 626 with the amendment. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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