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**LETTER OF SUPPORT
HOUSE BILL 1380**

March 13, 2026

Chair Bagnall and Chair Cullison,

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB1380: Health Insurance - Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy - Coverage and Dispensing Requirements**. As advocates for the LGBTQ+ community in the General Assembly, we believe this bill will increase healthcare access for all LGBTQ+ residents and trans Marylanders in particular. The benefits and effects of passing the proposed legislation will create a positive and long-lasting change for all of Maryland.

HB1380 would require insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a certain supply of prescription drugs used for gender-affirming care, hormone therapy, or reproductive health. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is a medically necessary treatment for many within the LGBTQ+ community – both for gender dysphoria and a range of other hormone related conditions. This bill ensures LGBTQ+ individuals, especially transgender and non-binary people, maintain uninterrupted access to hormone therapy while reducing financial and logistical barriers to treatment. Consistent access to HRT medications support both mental and physical health, and such stability in care can be lifesaving.

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. We appreciate your efforts in fostering community and furthering rights for all Marylanders.

Respectfully,

Delegate Kris Fair
Chair