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TESTIMONY ON SB#0694- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Human Relations - Violations of County Discrimination Laws – Complaints

TO: Chair Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0694, **Human Relations - Violations of County Discrimination Laws – Complaints**

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights has specific duties it performs for the residents of Maryland. ¹ The **mission** of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights is to protect equal opportunity for all by advancing and upholding civil rights laws and empowering communities. Our **vision** is to have a State where equal opportunity is a lived reality for every person. ²

This bill will extend this mission to the counties and Baltimore city where the local bodies will treat the complaint with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights as one that also satisfies certain prerequisites to commencing a civil action alleging the violation of a county discrimination law.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0694.

¹ <https://mccr.maryland.gov/>

² <https://mccr.maryland.gov/history-vision-governance>