



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0295

**Civil Actions - Immunity - Disclosure of Allegations of Sexually Assaultive
Behavior (Stop Silencing Survivors Act)**

FAVORABLE

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

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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and all members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to write testimony on this important bill.

I am a member of MEPPN, the Maryland Episcopal Policy Network. The Episcopal Church calls on us to support governmental actions that protect the rights of victims of violent acts and urge all Episcopalians to strive for justice and healing through prayer, advocacy, care, and action.

This should include protecting those who report sexual abuse of any kind, women, children and men. If they have reported abuse, they should not be able to be persecuted if they have acted in good faith.

This will help to stop sexual abuse.

Thank you
Lynn Mortoro

The Diocese of Maryland requests a FAVORABLE report