



TESTIMONY FOR HB1011
Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students –
Established

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1011 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our members are confused and actually outraged at the horrific treatment that transgender and gender diverse persons are subjected to – specifically children. We are supposed to love and protect our children, not vilify them and make them feel ostracized. We feel that we need to come up with a plan that will support transgender and gender diverse children in our schools.

This bill, if enacted, would create a workgroup that would study ways to support our transgender and gender diverse student populations and make recommendations regarding statewide statutory and regulatory policies that should be put in place to help them succeed.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.