

Testimony Supporting HB1011
Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students - Established
FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

March 2, 2026

The Honorable Chair, Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Vice Chair Delegate Jessica Feldmark, and esteemed members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to ask you to vote in support of House Bill 1011, with one amendment.

I support and appreciate the establishment of the Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students, as well as charging it with exploring ways to support transgender and gender diverse students. As a Maryland parent with transgender loved ones, this is an important step that would support this underrepresented community within our schools.

However, I propose adding to the Workgroup at least one member representing the Maryland LGBTQIA+ community, and specifically one who identifies as transgender. The additional member(s) could be nominated by a group such as the Maryland Legislative LGBTQIA+ Caucus.

This would ensure the transgender community would have representation in the Workgroup, which will be responsible for studying and affecting policy bearing on their community. This amendment would bring valuable insight and perspective from someone within the community.

As a result, I ask you to return a favorable report with amendment on House Bill 1011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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