

Ways and Means Committee
House Bill 1011
Favorable

Honorable Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee;

In Pasadena, we have witnessed the hatred that transgender students, teachers, and community members face. There have been court cases, county council meeting testimony, and school board meeting testimony around this issue. We have spoken with transgender students who have been harassed and assaulted in school for being transgender. We have spoken with a high school principal who verified that there was anti-Queer vandalism in the school. We were there to see the bigotry of students and community members who showed up at an LGBTQIA+ event to intimidate Queer youth. We have stood outside of high schools and libraries in order to support Queer students in unfriendly areas. We have heard from students whose parents were not supportive of them, and from students who had to hide who they are from their parents so they wouldn't be abused or kicked out.

Transgender people are under attack by the current presidential administration and his supporters. Their safety and lives are at significant risk. Please support House Bill 1011 so that the best ways to support transgender students can be determined and implemented. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD