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TESTIMONY ON HB#1011- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students – Established

TO: Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means 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 favor of HB#1011, Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students – Established

Recent federal actions, particularly via 2025 executive orders, target transgender students by restricting recognition of gender identity, limiting access to bathrooms/locker rooms consistent with gender identity, and restricting sports participation. These actions aim to rescind federal funding for schools supporting trans students, compel "outing" of students to parents, and define sex as a binary assigned at birth.¹

Key Federal Actions (2025-2026)

- Restricting Identity & Pronouns
- Bathroom/Locker Room Access
- Sports Participation
- "Forced Outing" Policies
- Redefining Title IX

Legal and Contextual Landscape

- [Administrative Guidance](#)
- [Judicial Developments](#)
- [Ongoing Investigations](#)

These actions have created significant uncertainty, with legal challenges ongoing regarding the scope of federal authority and civil rights protections for transgender and gender-diverse students.

Maryland rejects these actions that create harms to our LGBTQIA+ residents. In Maryland, we leave NO ONE behind.

This bill will establish the Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students to study ways to support transgender and gender diverse students and, on or before December 1, 2026, make recommendations regarding statewide statutory and regulatory policies.

Maryland can and must protect these populations and this bill will collect and report data needed for legislative and other actions to create those protections.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1011.

¹ Google AI Search "federal actions against Transgender and Gender Diverse Students"