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**LETTER OF SUPPORT
HOUSE BILL 0627**

February 24, 2026

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

On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, we are writing to express our support of **HB0627: Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education - Establishment**. As advocates for the LGBTQ+ community in the General Assembly, we believe this bill will create a positive and long-lasting change for LGBTQ+ students and all of Maryland.

HB0627 would establish the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and State Department of Education to further the discovery, interpretation, and learning of the history, culture, and civics of the U.S. and Maryland. This would provide equitable learning outcomes consistent with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Specifically, this bill would ensure that the history and contributions of all groups, including people in the LGBTQ+ community, are fully represented in Maryland's educational curriculum. By prioritizing this comprehensive approach to education, the bill supports the LGBTQ+ Caucus' mission to protect and empower LGBTQ+ people through legislation, as well as to foster an inclusive learning environment that recognizes the vital roles these communities have played in shaping our collective society.

Thank you for considering the bill's positive effects on the LGBTQ+ community. Please reach out to us regarding any additional questions or concerns on the bill.

Respectfully,

Delegate Kris Fair
Chair