St. Mary's County Government

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY



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September 29, 2020

The Honorable Matthew Morgan Maryland House of Delegates 310 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: St. Mary's County - To amend 829-106(b)(2) of the Local Government Article to revise the Human Relations Commission Duties to include sexual orientation and gender identity language within the protected classes of people

Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the request to amend \$29-106(b)(2) of the Local Government Article to revise the Human Relations Commission Duties to include sexual orientation and gender identity language within the protected classes of people as requested by Lori Jennings-Harris, Director of the Department of Aging and Human Services and Vante Burkes, Chair of the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James Randy Guy, President

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