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Ms. Sayers,

Please find attached the affidavit – unfortunately I could not get the digital signature to fill in, however if you need confirmation of the Board of Education’s permission for this position you can find it in the Board’s motions from July 14, 2022: <http://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CG2P6D6069E7>. I have also copied Ms. Cutroneo (Chair of the Board) and Ms. Watts (Vice Chair – will be testifying this evening) on this email if you need further confirmation.

Thank you,

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Good morning

The deadline to sign up is 7pm this evening. If they are sign up on behalf of the board, we will also need a signed affidavit which is attached.

Margery

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Good morning,

Please find attached written testimony for CB48-2022 submitted on behalf of the Board of Education of Howard County for today's public hearing. A Board member will also be signing up to testify through the online portal – can you remind us if there is a deadline for that sign-up?

Thank you,

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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Antonia Watts, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

The Board of Education of Howard County to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB48-2022 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Antonia Watts

Signature: _____

Date: 7/18/22

Organization: The Board of Education of Howard County

Organization Address: 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Number of Members: 8

Name of Chair/President: Ms. Vicky Cutroneo

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July 18, 2022

Dear County Council Members:

The Howard County Human Rights Commission strongly supports and urges the passage of CB48-2022, which creates a LGBTQIA+ Commission. This bill follows the recommendation of the LGBTQ+ Workgroup, which was formed by the County Executive in November 2019. For eighteen months, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup worked to identify best practices and strategies to protect and promote the interests of the LGBTQ+ community in Howard County. In its March 2021 final report, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup recommended the formation of a permanent Commission to continue to address the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Establishing a permanent LGBTQIA+ Commission will ensure the LGBTQIA+ community has a consistent voice in the Howard County government and the larger community. The LGBTQIA+ Commission will be able to continue and build upon the important work of the LGBTQ+ Workgroup. This will help promote the interests of the LGBTQIA+ community and combat discrimination against members of this community, thus fostering a more inclusive and equitable society. Therefore, we urge the County Council to pass and the County Executive to sign CB48-2022.

Sincerely,

Scott Markow, Chairperson

Sayers, Margery

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Dear Council Members,

I support and urge the passage of CB48-2022, which creates a LGBTQIA+ Commission. This bill follows the recommendation of the LGBTQ+ Workgroup, which was formed by the County Executive in November 2019.

For eighteen months, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup of which I had been a member worked to identify best practices and strategies to protect and promote the interests of the LGBTQ+ community in Howard County. In its March 2021 final report, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup recommended the formation of a permanent Commission to continue to address the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community.

I believe the Commission should consist of a broad representation of our community with a majority being LGBTQIA+. In addition, I recommend that the bill be amended to ensure that the composition of the commission be restricted to Howard County residents as is the case with the Howard County Human Rights Commission so that it reflects the community it represents.

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