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HB 13 - SUPPORT

Procurement – Discriminatory Hiring Practices – Debarment

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

Invidious discrimination hurts us as a society, it divides people and impedes people from realizing their potential. The government sector in particular has a responsibility to not participate in, or otherwise facilitate or enable, invidious discrimination. There should be no exception for government contractors. What the government cannot do directly the government also cannot hire someone else to do in its stead. This bill goes the extra mile and says that individuals who have been convicted of such discrimination may be debarred from participating in future contract opportunities. Secular Maryland recommends this bill for approval by the General Assembly.

Respectfully,
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