



Testimony for HB0025
Public Health
Healthy Maryland Program

Position: Favorable

Greetings Delegate Acevero,

My name is Sakeenah Boyd and I am an advocacy member for Black Girls Vote Inc. Black Girls Vote is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to uplifting the black community through education and inspiring black women to understand public policy decisions affecting our families and communities. This issue is important to our organization because single payer-healthcare options are needed in our community as we move closer to universal healthcare.

Black Girls vote supports policies that align with BGVs strategic aim to advance education, advance economic development, and advance quality of healthcare and improve outcomes. I am writing to show our support in the health disparity bill that you have backed bill HB0025- Healthy Maryland Program. Here is some of the data on why this is an important issue to our organization. Here are some facts on why we are supporting this bill.

*The United States is the only developed country without universal healthcare.

*30 million Americans are still uninsured even after the Affordable Care Act was passed. 58% of Americans are in favor of healthcare for all.

*Universal healthcare would be a major step towards equality.

As an organization that focuses on empowering and mobilizing individuals ages 18 to 25, we appreciate the proactive approach of this legislation. Although voting is voluntary, its importance and accessibility cannot be overshadowed. It is our civic duty. Respectfully, I urge all committee members to please vote in favor of HB0329. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Sincerely,

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