

House Bill 1397 - FAVORABLE
Economic Matters Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee;

We, the Steering Committee of the community group One Pasadena, ask that you give House Bill 1397 a favorable report.

One Pasadena was created in 2019 to address the culture of racism in Pasadena, MD. We soon realized that LGBTQ+ people are also being harmed by bigotry in our community, and so we expanded our purpose. It's imperative that we enact strong anti-discrimination laws in our state. Everyone has prejudices, but it's the minoritized populations who are most likely to be harmed by them.

We live among people who are loudly anti-LGBTQ+ and racist and would openly discriminate against Queer, Black, and Brown people if they knew they could. Please give House Bill 1397 a Favorable report to make such blatant bigotry a less attractive option. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD