



Citizens for a Responsible Government

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By email to ocemail@montgomerycountymd.gov, by hand and by regular mail

The Hon. Isiah Leggett, County Executive
County Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Gender Identity Referendum

Dear County Executive Leggett:

On behalf of over 4,500 county voters to date who have signed petitions asking that the so-called ***gender identity bill*** (Bill 23-07) be placed on the ballot in November, I am asking you to sign our referendum petition as well. As you know, the state legislature has forwarded the so-called “slots initiative” to state referendum, regardless of the position of legislators in favor or opposed to the bill, so that ***voters could make the final decision***. We are calling on you to do the same as the Montgomery County Executive.

You publicly withheld support of this bill until amendments applied to public restrooms and showers were removed by the County Council. However, the bill still states that an agent of public accommodation (eg. hotels, swimming pools and gymnasium) cannot discriminate with respect to facilities (meaning bathroom locker rooms and showers) ***and, the County’s Human Rights Commission has already said they will interpret the bill, despite striking that language, as requiring access to public restrooms and showers.***

Recently a “man dressed as a woman walked into the women's locker room at the Rio Sport and Health Club in Gaithersburg.” Channel 7 covered the outrage felt by Mary Ann Ondray at this breach of her privacy. The bill is supposed to promote the rights of transgenders however the definition “gender identity” is based on image, appearance and behavior. Whether the male in the blue ruffled dress was a cross dresser, transvestite or transgender, he was protected and Mary Ann Ondray’s privacy rights were violated.

We request your Signature on this Petition Saturday, January 26th, 8:00-830a.m. Members of the press have also been invited to our Rally. I look forward to seeing you this Saturday morning, January 26th, in front of the County Executive Office Building.

Very truly yours,

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