



TESTIMONY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCIL BILL 25-0126, ACCESSIBILITY IN CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

POSITION: FAVORABLE

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The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, employment, and housing for all persons in the United States regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. In 2008, the League supported the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), designed to restore the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1973 to its original intent and ensure coverage for Americans with disabilities in all aspects of society.

Given our decades-old support of the ADA, the League applauds the City Council for recommitting to this important legislation. Equality of opportunity for all our citizens will strengthen the fabric of our community and our City.

This bill proposes the designation of an ADA Coordinator in all City agencies. The League believes that having such a person with appropriate knowledge and experience is a reasonable way to assure that agencies comply with the ADA and that our disabled citizens are appropriately served.

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City strongly urges you to issue a favorable report on Council Bill 25-0126.

