

The issues pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community is something I care about deeply. As a bisexual trans woman living in a rural conservative area on the Eastern Shore, I know what it feels like to be discriminated against, harassed, and looked the other way all for the fact that I'm trans. I know what it feels like after graduating from a good college with a Bachelor's degree and living poor with massive amounts of economic anxiety for two and a half years, wondering when am I going to have the chance to have opportunity, all because I didn't "fit their look" of what they wanted an employee to look like.

In times of dire economic inequalities, no one should be discriminated against for their sexual orientation or gender identity, whether you're looking for a job or trying to get certain forms of medical treatment, and when you're in certain settings, no one should have to fear for their lives just for living their truth.

We need a system that works equally for everyone, not just a select few. Under my leadership as Pride Caucus chair for YDMD, I will continuously fight and uphold that vision, lead with love, compassion, and solidarity, and be a LGBTQ+ representative for all, whether you live in rural Western Shore or rural Eastern Shore like me, or urban Baltimore, or suburban Montgomery or Prince George's counties. Each collective situation may be different from one another based off of where you live, but at the end of the day, we all go through the same struggles.

All of this is why I hope you strongly consider voting for me to be the chairwoman of the Pride Caucus of the Young Democrats of Maryland.