DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Employment Discrimination *is Unlawful*

How Does The Law Protect Me? *State Government Article, §20-602* of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides every Marylander equal protection in employment regardless of:

Race, Sex, Age, Ethnicity, Ancestry or National Origin, Religion, Physical or Mental Disability, Color, Marital Status, Military Status, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Genetic Information

What Am I Protected From? You are protected from unlawful discrimination from the following employment-related practices:

- Employers cannot discriminate in recruiting, interviewing, hiring, upgrading/promoting, setting work conditions, and discharging an employee.
- Labor organizations cannot deny membership to qualified persons or discriminate in apprenticeship programs.
- Employment agencies cannot discriminate in job referrals, ask discriminatory pre-employment questions, or circulate information that unlawfully limits employment.
- Newspapers and other media cannot publish job advertisements that discriminate.

What If My Employer Retaliates? **Retaliation is also prohibited under** the law when you exercise your rights to seek relief and redress. If an employee decides to file an employment discrimination complaint, an employer may not:

- Interfere with;
- Restrain;
- Deny the exercise; or
- Deny the attempt to exercise the right.

Any form of retaliation is grounds to file a Complaint of Discrimination with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR).

What If I Am A Victim Of Discrimination? If you believe your rights under the law have been violated, you must file a complaint with MCCR **300 days** of the alleged act of discrimination. A trained Civil Rights Officer will work with you to discuss what happened and determine if there is reason to believe a discriminatory violation occurred. You can reach MCCR by phone, email, fax, letter, or walk-in. **All procedures by MCCR are confidential until your case is certified for public hearing or trial.**

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