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Malta Humanist Association
response to
Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act

Dear Honourable Minister Dalli,

The Malta Humanist Association would like to express its satisfaction at the above mentioned bill which substantially brings our laws in line with the constitutional requirement that no law discriminates against people based on their gender identity.

Malta is making great progress in catching up with, and surpassing other nations in granting civil rights to those to whom they were previously denied.

Granting an individual the right and facility to register their gender as they feel matches their being is an important step towards them leading a fulfilled life and causes no harm, real or implied, to third parties. Given that gender discrimination is already prohibited, there are few, if any, situations in which a third party has a legitimate right to know more about a person's sex or gender than that person chooses to reveal.

We also consider important the fact that the law offers protection for children against having a gender assigned, which gender may not be their preferred when they reach adulthood, unless it is critically relevant for such assignment to be carried out.

We consider it our privilege and duty to support this bill in the manner that it is worded.

Yours Respectfully

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