Kari Litteer HJ0002 Testimony 2/29/2024

My name is Kari Litteer and I am a Baltimore City resident. I am writing to testify in favor of HJ0002 supporting a long-term ceasefire in Israel and Palestine.

I am writing today as someone who refuses to stay silent while tens of thousands of people are murdered, injured, and displaced.

I feel the need to testify like anyone witnessing the unfathomable death and destruction in the Gaza Strip should feel called to do. Most recently, Palestinians were murdered while trying to receive the minimal food aid that's actually gotten into Gaza. If they kill everybody going to get aid, there's not going to be many people able to go get the aid for people who can't move. It's another layer of the genocide. Every person they kill waiting for flour is multiple people killed at home with no access. This cannot be allowed to continue. Anyone witnessing the reality of what happened has the psychic weight to do something, anything, about it. I am pleading with everyone with any sort of power to push for this unnecessary humanitarian catastrophe happening on our world stage.

The only way out of more destruction to the Palestinian people and Indigenous land is pushing for a ceasefire.

Thank you for your time, Councilmembers.

Most sincerely, Kari Litteer