

To: Members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

From: Maria F. Smith, LCSW-C

Re: HB0002 Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine

Position: Favorable

February 29, 2024

Good Afternoon House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee,

My name is Maria F. Smith (she/her). I am a Maryland resident currently living in Rockville, Maryland (District 18) and who was born & raised in College Park (District 21). I am also a Maryland social worker and a tax paying citizen of the United States deeply concerned about the unceasing, horrific, man-made violence taking place in Palestine.

I support HB0002: Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine. Over 30,000 Palestinians have already been killed, with no end in sight. It is time for Maryland to join national calls for a permanent ceasefire. Too many people, including thousands of children, have already been killed. It is time to do our part.

Sincerely,

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