

Honorable Senators,

Muslims for Just Futures (MJF), a grassroots organization building power in Muslim communities locally, **urges you to support SB0085 Maryland Limited Cooperative Association Act.**

Our organizing and advocacy focuses on working class Muslim communities and particularly Muslim women. We count several members of our community who are working class and small business owners, and we are strongly in favor of **SB0085** as the bill will allow worker cooperatives the ability to incorporate more effectively.

In these challenging times where workers and their families are torn between inflation and low wages, our working-class community members are deeply concerned about the profitability of their efforts and hard work as they struggle to survive, let alone thrive. Workers cooperatives will empower our working-class Marylanders by creating better economic opportunities and allowing them access to their fair share of revenue and profits from their labor, directly benefiting our local economies. Worker cooperatives will also establish and deepen democratic infrastructures by creating more spaces where every worker can have a seat at the table and a say in their workplace.

We are strongly in favor of SB0085 for the ways it will create greater economic opportunity and security for our working class community members, and we urge you to pass this bill to back our hardworking communities in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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