

In support of SB1058

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for SB1058, which has been passed out of the Maryland Senate and now rests in the capable hands of the Ways and Means Committee in the House. As a Maryland resident, I believe this bill is a crucial step towards addressing the disturbing lack of historical knowledge, particularly concerning the Holocaust.

Why does the Holocaust even matter?

In recent years, the proliferation of misinformation and the rise of social media have led to horrific miseducation of the youth - through TikTok and Instagram "education." We cannot leave our kids vulnerable.

This problem has been highlighted by the sickening surge in antisemitism at local schools and universities. Hate crimes must be nipped in the bud.

SB1058 represents just the opportunity to rectify an educational deficiency. We need to empower our kids with information. We cannot let Instagram fill that void.

By providing students with a thorough understanding of the history of Jews, including their millennia-old heritage, their contributions to society, and the atrocities they endured during the Holocaust, we can equip them with the knowledge of how to COEXIST, creating societies of empathy and devoid of prejudice.

I urge the Ways and Means Committee to prioritize this bill and help pave the way for a better-informed future. By doing so, Maryland can set a precedent for other states to follow.

Sincerely,

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