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BILL: SB630 - Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements

COMMITTEE: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE)

POSITION: Letter of Opposition

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, we are in opposition to Bill - **SB630**. The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is committed to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland's African American heritage.

The Commission also provides technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives. Through the accomplishment of this mission, the MCAAHC seeks to educate Maryland citizens and visitors to our state about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland.

As Such, MCAAHC is in opposition of this Bill because it creates new requirements for applicants of the African American Heritage Preservation Grant which will adversely impact historic African American churches and nonprofits, many of which are your constituents. We, therefore urge that you reconsider passing this bill in its current form because of its adverse effects to the preservation of African American history and interpretation in Maryland.

If you have any questions, please contact, Chanel Compton, 410-216-6190, chanel.compton@maryland.gov

Thank you.