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Dear Chair Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland has voted to offer **favorable** support for LR1117 Maryland Reparations Commission. The purpose of this legislation is to establish a commission to look at reparations for descendants of individuals enslaved in the State.

Reparations are being studied in almost every state and even on the federal level. It is important for a commission to be established to study how best to right the wrong of slavery in the state.

We feel this legislation is important because it provides a commission to study how to correct a significant embarrassing part of Maryland history. For this reason, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland supports LR1117.

Respectfully,

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of Maryland

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