

Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
And Members of The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 0864- Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic Terrorism- AMEND

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee,

HB 1227 focuses on and singles out white supremacy as being the only actions which currently threaten Homeland Security, thereby turning a blind eye to the radical and heinous crimes of Antifa and BLM.

Continuing to ignore the devastation caused by members of BLM and Antifa and continued failure to prosecute the performers of these heinous crimes of burning down cities and businesses, looting businesses, and killing innocent citizens is creating more bitterness and divide amongst American citizens including citizens of the state of Maryland.

The death of George Floyd was a sad incidence, but one, in my opinion, that did not result from the action of white supremacy. Yet, the fire of accusation was fueled by such pretense and is intensified by ignoring others' actions of the same, or in my opinion, worse intensity.

There should be an equal set of standards for the judgement of, and punishment for, such crimes, regardless of the performers. Race should not be a factor thereof.

In regards to the statement of the Preamble (lines 7-10, p.2), these issues must be addressed from both sides- reverse discrimination is becoming a more prominent issue. Not every Caucasian is a racist, yet, are portrayed as such. Special treatment and privileges for minorities are increasing in the name of racism. Not every negative occurrence between individuals of varying skin color is a racist act.

In regards to the statement of the Preamble (lines 18-21, p 2), misinformation and disinformation is not that which is broadcast on through alternate, conservative media outlets. Simply because it does not align with what is being presented by MSM does not mean it is misinformation. MSM and alternate news outlets should be reporting the same, true news, whatever that may be in order to avoid any and all misinformation, thereby alleviating the existence of bitterness, hate speech and dissent amongst our citizens.

Please consider amending HB1227 to include these changes/additions

Sincerely,

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