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In Favor Of

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Hi, my name is Matthew Stubblefield. I would like to start by thanking the committee for inviting me and allowing me to speak to you today.

I have always enjoyed looking at galaxies and nebulae. They are very beautiful and peaceful. They are so unimaginably large, and yet us being part of one had always been very grounding for me.

Because of that I follow Amy Rae Hill, an artist that takes these beautiful things and puts them on pottery. One day she shared a picture of a teapot with the crab nebula on it. Obviously my first reaction was to be hungry, because crabs.

But my next reaction was to wonder if the great state of MD had claimed it as our own yet. We have spent a lot of time and energy claiming crabs as a part of our identity. We are rightfully very proud of the crabs this state produces. So much so that I see no reason we should keep that pride tied to earth. Why not make it interstellar?

We have plenty of other official state things, why not an astronomical feature that so closely aligns with what we pride ourselves with so well. Because of that thought and the feeling with so much going wrong in the world right now having something fun and light hearted would be good at the moment I reached out to my state level representatives and representative Kittleman was nice enough to run with this, so thank you representative Kittleman.