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**SENATE BILL 462 – Public Schools – Expanded American History –  
Development of Content Standards and Implementation  
POSITION: Support**

Dear Chairperson Pinsky, Vice Chairperson Kagan, and Members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The Lincoln Park Historical Foundation is a nonprofit organization and has a strong sense of community pride by working jointly with communities and organizations throughout Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. The foundation offers public service in the areas of research, education, training, community outreach, economic and community development, family history, cultural diversity and historic preservation.

Senate Bill 462 mandates the State Board of Education, in collaboration with local school systems, to develop the same content standards for expanded American history to be included in the State standards and frameworks in social studies. This bill requires each county board of education to develop and implement age-appropriate curriculum guides and shall include instructions of the history and contributions of the following groups, African Americans, Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders, Latinos, Native Americans, Women, and other designated topics by the State Board of Education. This bill would expand our educational curriculum in public schools and the American history. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year each Maryland public school in the State shall include expanded American history in the Social Studies curriculum.

The Lincoln Park Historical Foundation supports SB 462 because it is important to be inclusive of all racial and ethnic groups and women as part of the expanded American history. Our students deserve a well-rounded education that prepares them to work in our diverse world. Part of education is knowing the lived experiences of others. I know there is a lot to chatter about Critical Race Theory and the argument that they do not want their White children to feel like the oppressors and people of color to believe they are victims. As a state, we need to ask why they would assume that their children would automatically connect with the oppressor and not John Brown, Juliette Morgan, and Andrew Goodman, all of who are White and worked to support racial equality.

There is an information gap that our schools need to fill. This gap can be filled by ensuring that every county in the state provides every student with a history education that encompasses the struggles, conflicts, injustices, and the beauty of our countries story and those who worked to make us a more perfect union. We could ensure that students in the state of Maryland have exposure to these stories by identity learning outcomes mandated by the state that each of the county public school implement and develop into their curriculum and accountability measure that monitors that our students are being taught through the lens of expanded American history.

We respectfully request that you consider this information and vote in favor of SB 462.

Thank you for time, attention and consideration. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Anita Neal Powell  
President