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The Korean American Association of
Washington Metropolitan Area

Via Email to Charlotte.Crutchfield@house.state.md.us and Susan.Lee@senate.state.md.us

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Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield
Maryland State House

Re: Formal endorsement of HB290/SB0071

Dear Delegate Crutchfield,

On behalf of the Korean American Association of Washington Metropolitan Area and it's serving members, **we formally support** approval of House bill HB290 cross-filed with SB0071 providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages, and applying the Act prospectively.

United States of America is built, maintained, and advanced by all immigrants who came before us and became Americans. Our country is the perfect example of an immigration policy success story. All of us and future generations will continue to keep America the best place to live, love, and learn. If a person has been victimized by an act of certain hate crime, the person or persons who committed the act must face economic and noneconomic damages. Such act goes against the true core belief of building the America the strong. Without directly penalizing ones who commit such act, we may not see the end of hate crimes.

Approval of this bill necessary to end hate crime in Maryland. We appreciate your hard work in bringing equality in our society and formally support the approval of HB290/SB0071.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ 

Steve S Lee

President