

## FAVORABLE

### Senate Bill SB0304/House Bill HB0922 - Education - Public Schools - Asian American History Curriculum Requirement

The Howard County Chinese School and the enclosed organizations jointly fully support and urge a favorable report from this Committee on SB0304, cross-filed as House Bill HB0922. This important bill would require the State Board of Education to develop curriculum materials on Asian American history that would then be taught in public schools in Maryland. A more inclusive statewide curriculum which recognizes Asian American experiences and contributions is much needed.

We believe that through a comprehensive statewide curriculum, all students in the Maryland Public Schools will become better informed about Asian American history, the contributions of Asian Americans, and the role of Asian Americans in the ongoing development of our Nation. We call for a more complete curriculum that rightfully recognizes Asian American history as an integral part of our state's and our nation's history.

We believe this bill will ultimately establish a solid foundation to combat the surging racism, anti-Asian hate, and violence against Asian Americans. We believe this legislation plays an important role in the continued battle against racism in this country.

We urge a FAVORABLE REPORT ON SB0304/HB0922. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed

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Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County (CAPA - HC)  
Howard County Chinese School  
Indian Origin Network of Howard County  
The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Howard County  
League of Korean Americans-MD