

**Testimony in Support of SB842  
Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
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**FAVORABLE**

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Kay Schuster and Ellen Sizemore, Co-Presidents  
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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. is steadfast in our fight against antisemitism and hate of all kinds. As the Greater Baltimore Region of Hadassah, representing over 4,100 Marylanders, we are writing to urge you to support SB 842, a bill requiring the Governor to annually proclaim January 27th as Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Hadassah believes that the twin threats of rising antisemitism and declining understanding of the Holocaust require sober reminders of the this dark period of recent history.

Hadassah turns its values into action every day, and we are committed to combating antisemitism. Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day can remind us what can happen when antisemitism and other racism and hate crimes go unchecked, so we can counter the rising intolerance in our communities.

We believe that teaching Holocaust history through a Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day is one way to combat today's antisemitism, racism, and hatred.

Knowing that hatred exists is not enough. We also have to take active steps to combat it. We strongly urge you to support SB 842.

Thank you,  
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