



Prince George's Chapter: Public Policy Team

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The Honorable Chair Joseline Peña-Melnyk

The Honorable Vice-Chair Ariana Kelly

Maryland House of Delegates Health and Government Operations Committee members

Re: House Bill 49 Economic Justice and Reconciliation Act

Why is this bill needed?

1. Maryland life expectancy data highlights racial disparities. The higher the median income the higher the life expectancy.
2. Enabling a study of how redlining has affected wealth.
3. Focus on the need for financial literacy throughout the Maryland Educational Systems.
4. Expose and remove Institutional racism systems in Maryland agencies.
5. Reveal how higher interest rates in low-income communities have contributed to the wealth gaps.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women Prince George's County Chapter Public Policy Team support House Bill 49 and respectfully request a favorable vote.