

UNFAVORABLE on HB0967
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Dear Delegates,

I strongly urge an UNFavorable on HB0967.

America is a Christian nation. That is not just a slogan.

When I say that America is a Christian nation,

I'm saying that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and this is one nation UNDER that God.

This is not to disparage the individuals who are of a certain ethnicity who are our neighbors.

However, I do point to the particularities of religion referred to in this bill referencing a 2-week long episode which involves live animal sacrifices on Day 10 of this "holiday".

And I highlight that this practice is not an American practice.

[Isaiah 1:13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+1%3A4-16&version=NKJV>]

Part of becoming American for foreign-born legal residents is coming to see Christianity as intrinsic to our law, culture and civic life.

Commemorating false gods to appease a miniscule portion of Maryland and America is not befitting a Christian nation.

May they find peace.

Humbly

~vince