

February 27, 2023

Chairwoman Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Members of The Committee:

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland Inc. has voted to offer **favorable** support for House Bill 890 - Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education.

In effect, this legislation will require the Commission of History, Culture, and Civics in Education to make recommendations to the Maryland Board of Education and State Department of Education for the purpose of further discovery, interpretation, and learning of history within the United States and Maryland.

Black Marylanders have a rich history in the Chesapeake region that is worthy of academic inquiry. Developing a more inclusive and representative history informs future policy decisions. For these reasons, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland has voted to support House Bill 890.

Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland