

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against SB0616.

History and culture are already being changed by woke, revisionist socialists as we speak. No tax dollars should be spent on this endeavor.

If you must spend this amount of money, it should go to the teaching of civics and history to our woefully ignorant students (not their fault) who are being deprived of learning their history and culture by the school systems that are concentrating their teaching efforts on language arts and math to meet standards while ignoring these important subjects. As we already know, our students continue to fail to learn language arts and math despite this effort, so sacrificing the teaching of history and culture has been for naught.

At a time when we have structural budget deficits over \$3 billion looming because of the unfunded Kirwan Educational Program and a transportation fund that cannot deal with our aging roads and bridges because of the additions of future mass transit projects such as the Red Line construction, why are we creating an additional \$5 million dollar per year bureaucracy?

After 40 years as a federal auditor, I learned that cost projections for new components are always underestimated, and the staffing almost always increases over time.

As a relative recent retiree, I would like to stay in Maryland, but the budget for next year and the next several years are going to constantly whittle away at my pension to pay for new programs when we cannot pay for the programs we already have. Just like the proposed tax increases are going to force me to find WAYS to cut back so I have the MEANS to live within my budget, you should consider WAYS and MEANS of cutting waste and programs before funding additional programs that will not meet their objectives.

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