



March 3, 2024

Chair Ben Barnes  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 121  
House Office Building

Dear Chair Barnes and members of the Appropriations Committee:

The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) is pleased to offer its strong and enthusiastic support for HB1066 to support annual non-capital grants through the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture.

MCHC admires and supports the work the Commission to discover and uplift Maryland's deep and globally important Black history and culture. We have witnessed the great success of the recently established capital grant program at the Commission, but also understand the great need for support of people, programs, and the myriad other activities that make up the operational activities of African American cultural sites. Places where significant African American history happened are too often underrecognized and undervalued for their essential role in the fabric of American society. Non-capital can help correct this historical issue and will support the growth and capacity of African American cultural sites throughout Maryland.

Thank you for this opportunity to share MCHC's support of this appropriation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katie Caljean'.

Katie Caljean  
President & CEO