

March 4, 2024  
Chair Del. Anne Healey  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

Re: Testimony IN FAVOR OF House Joint Resolution 8 (HJ0008), Condemning Islamophobia, Anti-Palestinian Hate, and Antisemitism

Hon. Committee Members:

I am Noah (preferred name, “Noelle”) Black, a resident of Mondawmin and constituent of District 40. I am a journalist and Middle East Studies academic. I am submitting this written testimony in favor of HJ0008 because there has been a massive uptick in Islamophobic, Anti-Palestinian, and Anti-Semitic hate and violence. It is important that these three are packaged together in a condemnation by the House so that Marylander’s can see that we stand united against the racist bigotry that has been exhibited as of late.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HJ0008. I implore you to vote on the right side of history – and with the will of your constituents – and pass this bill to condemn all forms of hate arising out of recent events in the Middle East.