## House Appropriations Committee Position: Unfavorable on HB 1462/SB 847 March 5, 2025

My name is Liz Cabrera Holtz, and I'm a District 15 constituent living in Potomac. I am writing to urge the committee to oppose HB 1462/SB 847, a dangerous bill that would restrict free speech on campus and chill discourse.

In a time when the Trump administration is repressing social justice movements across the board, I am so disappointed that Maryland legislators are working to further restrict political dissent. Though the bill claims to address a variety of discriminatory speech acts, its true intention is to shut down anti-war activists, specifically students concerned about the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people, on college campuses.

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