

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Senate Joint Resolution 5
Favorable

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee;

One Pasadena: Building a Safe and Inclusive Community is an anti-bigotry group that works to change the culture of intolerance in Pasadena, MD. We, the One Pasadena Steering Committee, urge a favorable vote on Senate Joint Resolution 5, the Elementary and Secondary Education – Curriculum – Importance of Diversity Resolution.

The authors said it best, where they stated:

“Curricula taught in elementary and secondary schools that includes the experiences of communities that have been subject to discrimination can help cultivate empathy and compassion”

And:

“Curricula taught in elementary and secondary schools that includes the experiences of communities that have been subject to discrimination can help break down stereotypes and prejudices that translate into real world harms”

If we learn about our history, which would be an inclusive history, perhaps we would not be doomed to repeat it. Please vote favorably on Senate Joint Resolution 5, and take the intent to heart, so we can do better by our students.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD