Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Position: Unfavorable on SB 847/HB 1462 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 SB 847/HB 1462, 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.

Liz Cabrera Holtz District 15, 20854 <u>lizholtz@gmail.com</u>