Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee,

My name is Dr Ayesha Gulistan. I am a proud mom and wife, a doctor by day and a commissioner with Governor Wes Moore's Middle Eastern American Affairs commission. I'm so excited that Maryland will be passing a HB 899 bill that recognizes my Muslim community and provides an opportunity to showcase our rich culture and traditions. This will make Maryland a more inclusive state where all our welcomed. I'm very thankful to Delegate Sarah Wolek and team for all their hard work.

Warmly, Dr Ayesha Gulistan