

Testimony Against HB0752

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0752.

I am against:

- Establishing the Commission on State and Local Government Real Property Bearing Confederate Names to develop and implement a framework to identify real property owned by the State or a political subdivision that bears a Confederate name; and
- requiring the Commission to make recommendations regarding the real property that should be renamed and report its findings to the Governor, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, the governing body of each county, and the General Assembly by October 1, 2032.

At a time when the State is in a budget crisis and so many citizens need financial help, medical assistance, protection from crime and an improved educational process, I cannot believe that the Assembly needs to spend time on this issue.

What is more important, finding ways to help the citizens of Maryland or spending time and money identifying buildings that many of the citizens probably do not even know are named for someone associated with the Confederacy. Will changing these names do anything to help the poor, sick and under-educated? Did these buildings with these names cause these listed problems? Are these buildings so psychologically damaging that those needing help cannot face their other problems until the names are removed? Will renaming these buildings with more appropriate names for the neighborhoods where they are located do anything to help improve the lot of those who live near them?

I believe that this is just a virtue signaling bill that is easy to do rather than spend time trying to find real solutions to the huge problems facing our State. The time and money that would be spent on this project could be much better spent elsewhere.

So please enter an unfavorable report against HB0752.

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