

Testimony re: HB 1460 - FAVORABLE

**State Procurement - Prohibited Certifications - Boycotts of Foreign Countries**

March 7, 2025

Health and Government Operations Committee

Dear Honorable Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of Mount Rainier. Maryland, District 47A and am pleased to support this bill. The struggle to end the fighting between Israel and Gaza needs support in a variety of ways. The destruction of Gaza and the attacks on hospitals and emergency vehicles have compelled me to look for ways to apply pressure to end this humanitarian disaster. Boycotts are one tool to send a message and perhaps apply a bit of economic pressure on Israel to bring this suffering to an end. The fact that the State of Maryland has opposed the BDS campaign is something I only recently learned. This can easily be rescinded and I urge you to support HB 1460.

Thank you,

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