Rules and Executive Nominations Committee House Joint Resolution 5 FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee;

Please give House Joint Resolution 5 a Favorable report.

The Trump/ Musk administration has made it clear that "competent white men must be in charge if you want things to work." This contradicts the evidence presented by actual history.

The Trump/ Musk administration has also made it clear that they believe that any jobs held by those who aren't white, cisgender, and heterosexual are DEI hires. Sometimes they even include white, cisgender, heterosexual women as DEI hires. Meanwhile, while screaming that people should be hired based on merit, they have put people in positions of power simply based on their white skin color, no matter how incompetent and unexperienced they are. These white supremacist actions are accepted by many in our society as ideal.

House Joint Resolution 5 states that Maryland supports the teaching of accurate history, not just the accomplishments of white, cisgender, heterosexual men. It states that teaching about minoritized communities is important. It rejects the white supremacist narrative that is infecting this country.

Please affirm that Maryland stands for an accurate and inclusive curriculum by voting in favor of House Joint Resolution 5. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Debi Jasen Pasadena, MD