Ways and Means Committee House Bill 1323 FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee;

Please give House Bill 1323, the Asian American History Curriculum Requirement, a favorable report.

One Pasadena: Building a Safe and Inclusive Community is an anti-bigotry group in Anne Arundel County. We live in an area that is well known for racism. We, the One Pasadena Steering Committee, believe that education is an important component in our struggle to become a more inclusive community. There have been many instances of racism in our schools, just as there have by adult residents in Pasadena. The ignorance that some of these students learn at home is being inflicted on their classmates. Any curriculum that teaches them that people other than cisgender, heterosexual white people have made positive contributions to society is another strike against that ignorance.

Please vote for House Bill 1323, and help us take another step towards our goal of changing the culture of bigotry in Pasadena. Thank you.

Sincerely, The One Pasadena Steering Committee Pasadena, MD