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Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee,

DELEGATE DAVID MOON  
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**The Maryland Legislative Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus offers its strong and favorable support for HB 1323—Asian American History Professional Development and Library Materials** which would expand on professional development grants and local AAPI-themed library materials.

DELEGATE KRISSELDA VALDERRAMA  
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The contributions of the AAPI community to U.S history are vast and significant—spanning the arts, sciences, and government. One way our state can acknowledge, affirm, and progress that is by encouraging more educators to pursue professional development in Asian American History. By establishing the Asian American History Grant, HB 1323 offers expanded access to this pathway for educators to instruct on Asian American history, and evaluates existing history programs of various AAPI organizations. Additionally, with a budget for local school libraries to purchase AAPI-themed books and materials, schools will be able to reflect inclusion and representation in education especially given the significance inclusive storytelling and illustration has on young learners.

DELEGATE SARAH WOLEK

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus urges favorable consideration of HB 1323.

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