

Testimony In FAVOR of HB1331: State Retirement and Pension System - Divestment From Israel

I am writing in support of HB1331: State Retirement and Pension System - Divestment From Israel. I live in Edgewood, Maryland, and I am a member of Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Employees Against Genocide. Maryland's pension system, which covers 420,000 employees and retirees, has \$65.5 million of investments in Israeli bonds. Israeli bonds are risky financially and play an integral role in funding Israel's well-documented war crimes and system of oppression. Marylanders do not want a retirement fund invested in genocide, occupation, and apartheid.

Please give HB1331 a favorable report.

Thank you.

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