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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0308 – FAVORABLE**

**General Provisions - Commemorative Months - Muslim American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage Months**

**TO:** Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0308, General Provisions - Commemorative Months - Muslim American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage Months**

LiveWorkMaryland states that *MARYLAND LIFE: DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION*<sup>1</sup>

All Are Welcome. No matter what your race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality — you're welcome in Maryland. Maryland is the most diverse state on the East Coast. As declared by Arija, Chief of Staff, Cloudforce "There is such rich diversity here – a true mix of people. You can see there's a conscious effort to celebrate differences and foster inclusivity."

Maryland's values are that we leave NO ONE behind – this bill is submitted to recognize and celebrate some of the groups that add to our states diversity.

This bill will require the Governor annually to proclaim the month of January as Muslim American Heritage month and the month of May as Jewish American Heritage month; and require the proclamations to urge certain organizations to observe the months with certain programs and activities.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report and pass SB0308.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://liveworkmaryland.com/live/diversity-equity-inclusion/>