



February 9, 2026

The Honorable Cheryl Kagan
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Keeping Charities Nonpartisan (SB4/HB514) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Kagan,

On behalf of The Student Global Ambassador Program (SGAP Leaders), I am writing to express our strong support for SB4/HB514, the *Keeping Charities Nonpartisan Act of 2026*.

SGAP Leaders is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering our youth through our leadership development and community-focused programming. The effectiveness of our work relies on public trust—particularly that of our students, parents, and educators—that our programs are grounded in education and service, and not in partisan advocacy. SB4/HB514 reinforces the longstanding principle that charities remain focused on their missions, free from political pressure or influence that could undermine public confidence in their work.

This bill appropriately affirms and clarifies the nonpartisan role of charitable organizations. By maintaining a firm boundary between charitable activity and partisan political engagement, the bill helps ensure that these organizations can continue serving diverse communities and fully focus on their charitable missions.

For organizations like ours that engage students in civic engagement and leadership development, nonpartisanship is especially essential. This legislation supports an environment where young people can learn about civic responsibility and public service without political pressure or confusion about the role of charitable and nonprofit institutions.

SB4/HB514 provides an important safeguard for Maryland’s nonprofit and charitable sectors. We appreciate your leadership and respectfully urge continued support for the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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