



Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair

Mar 13, 2026

**Letter of Support | SB308 - General Provisions - Commemorative Months -
Muslim American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage Months**

The Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs ("the Commission") stands in support of **SB308** designating January as Muslim American Heritage Month and May as Jewish American Heritage Month in Maryland. Recognizing Muslim and Jewish Heritage Months would be an important step toward fostering understanding and inclusion and celebrating Maryland's ethnic and religious diversity.

The Muslim and Jewish communities in the State of Maryland are themselves racially and ethnically diverse. Similarly, Maryland's Middle Eastern American community includes individuals representing a variety of religious faiths. Muslim and Jewish individuals represent important segments of this culturally diverse community. Passing **SB308** would be an important statement of welcome and acknowledgement of these diverse communities in our State.

In sharing its support for **SB308**, the Commission is hopeful the Maryland Senate will pass this important bill. The Commission remains committed to uplifting the rich religious and ethnic diversity of our state. The Commission will continue to advocate for initiatives and programming that educate and engage Marylanders about these faith and ethnic communities, further enriching the inclusive culture of our state.

Chair, Mona Kishore 
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