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SJ3 - Racial Terror Lynching – Acknowledgment and Apology

Position: Support

Carrington & Associates, LLC respectfully submits this testimony in support of Senate Joint Resolution 3. This Resolution acknowledges a painful and undeniable chapter in Maryland's history, the occurrence of racial terror lynchings and the failure of the State to protect Black Marylanders from mob violence during that period. By formally recognizing these acts and issuing an apology, the General Assembly is confronting history directly rather than allowing it to remain unspoken.

The Resolution also recognizes the work of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission, whose research and documentation have helped bring greater public understanding to these events. Their work has made clear that these acts were not isolated incidents, but part of a broader climate of racial terror that existed in communities across the State.

While no Resolution can undo the suffering inflicted on victims and their families, acknowledgement matters. A formal apology from the State represents an important step in recognizing the harm that occurred and affirming that the State has a responsibility to confront this history honestly.

For many Maryland families and communities, the effects of these acts have carried forward across generations. Recognizing the truth of what occurred and the State's failure to intervene when it should have is an act of accountability that strengthens, rather than weakens, our institutions.

For these reasons, Carrington & Associates, LLC respectfully urges a favorable report on Senate Joint Resolution 3.

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