

SB 962: January 6th Insurrectionists - Prohibition on Service in Certain Government Roles: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Education, Energy & the Environment Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE SB 962** during committee consideration or floor votes.

This bill is partisan, overreaching, and unnecessary. Such measures politicize government employment and elected office, setting a dangerous precedent for disqualifying individuals based on past political involvement or protest activity.

The U.S. Constitution and Maryland law already provide mechanisms for disqualifying individuals convicted of serious crimes (e.g., felonies barring voting rights until completion of sentence, or constitutional bars for insurrection under the 14th Amendment). Adding a state-specific ban for January 6-related offenses duplicates these protections while selectively targeting one side of a political divide, **undermining fairness and equal treatment under the law.**

Maryland should focus on policies that unite residents and promote good governance—not divide us with bills that appear motivated by political retaliation rather than objective public safety needs.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote against SB 962** and oppose legislation that imposes partisan disqualifications on government service.

Thank you for your attention to this important fairness, constitutional rights, and non-partisan governance issue.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals