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House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair  
The Honorable Ken Kerr, Vice Chair

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Good afternoon Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee.

My name is Christina Poy, and I serve as the Administrative Director for the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs and the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB0770 to require recognition of Korean American Day by Maryland's executive branch.

Korean Americans have made meaningful and lasting contributions to our state's cultural, economic, and civic life. From small business owners and community leaders to educators, healthcare professionals, and public servants, Marylanders of Korean descent continue to help strengthen the fabric of our communities.

Recognizing Korean American Day in Maryland is an important opportunity to celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Korean community while also acknowledging the journeys and sacrifices of Korean immigrants and their families. It is also a chance to educate future generations about the impact Korean Americans have had, and continue to have, across our state.

Maryland is home to a vibrant and growing Korean American community that contributes greatly to our diversity and prosperity. The Governor's official recognition annually sends a clear message that their heritage, culture, and contributions are valued.

On behalf of the commissions and the communities we serve, we respectfully urge a favorable report on this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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