

**FAVORABLE**

March 9, 2026

Melissa Wells, Chair – Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

Dear Del. Wells,

I wish to express my STRONG SUPPORT of

**HB1382 “State Procurement - Prohibited Certifications -  
Boycotts of Foreign Countries”**

The State of Maryland must uphold the Freedom of Speech as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Our [right to boycott](#) a business or country was upheld by a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision during the Civil Rights era, when I was a child.

I need to make no further argument to my fellow Americans, if they are indeed awake to this moment. We encourage a favorable report on House Bill 1382.

Sincerely,

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