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My name is Maria Baroody and I am a retired social studies teacher. I taught US History to Middle Schoolers. I taught the Constitution and the Bill Of Rights. I taught that the boycott was and is an effective non-violent form of protest. From our colonial period, the American Revolution, the Civil Rights Era, through to the boycott of South Africa, boycotts have historically shaped our nation. The state government of Maryland boycotted South Africa's apartheid government.

Depriving employment to those of us who choose to boycott the apartheid and warlike state of Israel is, I believe, in violation of the First Amendment Speech and Assembly clauses. Hogan's Executive Order kept me from pursuing employment following my retirement with a company that relies on contracts with the state of Maryland.

I favor HB1382.