

**HB 751:** Victims of Communism Memorial Day: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Government, Labor & Elections Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 751**, concerning the establishment of *Victims of Communism Memorial Day*.

Throughout the twentieth century and continuing in some parts of the world today, communist regimes have been responsible for the persecution, imprisonment, and deaths of tens of millions of people. From forced labor camps and political purges to severe restrictions on basic freedoms, these regimes inflicted profound suffering on individuals and families who simply sought liberty, faith, and self-determination.

Establishing a Victims of Communism Memorial Day in Maryland would provide an important opportunity to **honor the memory of those who suffered and died under communist regimes and to recognize the resilience of survivors who endured repression and hardship.**

A day of remembrance would also serve an important educational purpose. It would encourage students and communities to learn about the historical consequences of totalitarian systems and to reflect on the enduring importance of democratic values, human rights, and individual freedom.

**By recognizing this memorial day, Maryland would join in a broader effort to preserve historical memory and ensure that the experiences of victims are not forgotten.**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 751**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals