

# Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) Elected & Endorsed Letter in Support of Maryland House Bill 1492 “School and Library Employees’ Right to Strike”

Committee: Government, Labor, and Elections

Date: March 11, 2026

Position: **In Support / Favorable**

Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee,

We, the undersigned elected officials and endorsed candidates, write in strong support of [HB 1492](#) “Collective Bargaining - Public Employees - Revocation of Certification and School and Library Employees' Right to Strike”. As members of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), we know that HB1492 advances the fundamental right of workers to organize on the job for better compensation and working conditions, including for the most basic of right workers to withhold their labor.

As we’ve seen in several states over the past decade, including our neighbors in West Virginia, repressive laws will not prevent workplace unrest. The key way to improve workplace morale is for employers to bargain in good faith with their workers to address the collective concerns of the workforce.

Throughout history, working people have won major improvements, not just for themselves and their families, but for their entire communities by exercising their rights at work. Without work stoppages, we would not have many of the basic protections we now take for granted in this country including the minimum wage, the 40-hour work week, family and sick leave, and retirement plans.

In that tradition of empowering our labor movement, we urge a favorable report on House Bill 1492, and thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Solidarity Forever,

## **Elected Officials**

Gabriel Acevero  
Delegate, Maryland General Assembly District 39

César Díaz  
City Council President, City of Frederick

Frankie Santos Fritz

Councilmember, City of Greenbelt

Danny Schaible,  
Councilmember, City of Hyattsville

Briana Urbina  
Councilmember, City of New Carrollton

## **Endorsed Candidates**

### **Montgomery County**

Josie Caballero,  
Candidate for Montgomery County Council At-Large

### **Prince George's County**

Raaheela Ahmed  
Candidate for Maryland Senate, District 23  
Former member, Prince George's County Board of Education District 5

Imara Crooms  
Candidate for Prince George's County Council, District 9

### **Charles County**

McKayla Wilkes  
Candidates for Charles County Commission, District 3