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To: Members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
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RE: HJ09 - FAVORABLE

Members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, my name is Shubh Agnihotri and I am an undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park.

I write today in support of Delegate Acevero's HJ09. Every governing body in the world has a responsibility to the people in Gaza, Sudan and the Congo. A recognition of the Genocide in these places is the bare minimum we can do to promote human rights in the rest of the world. Civil rights in our own communities are threatened and fascism is legitimized when it is normalized in foreign countries with the explicit support of the United States.

The US through its support for the UAE supports the active Genocide in Sudan. The Rapid Support Forces are supported by the UAE and have slaughtered people in el-Fasher. The US arms Israel through its military industrial complex and gives firm consent to slaughter Palestinians in Gaza. The IDF has committed numerous war crimes with applause from US politicians. The MGA can look to Gaza as a moral compass and condemn the atrocities actively being committed by Israel. US tech companies continue colonial levels of resource exploitation and extraction in the Congo by forcing slaves to work in mines for their CEO's salaries. It is upsetting and disappointing that Maryland State leaders have remained silent on these issues and passing this bill is a good first step in healing the wounds that have been created by that silence. Free Gaza. Free Sudan. Free the Congo. Nobody is free until we are all free.

I urge a favorable committee report on HJ09. Thank you for your work on the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee and for your consideration of this testimony.