

The Honorable Chair
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett
House Judiciary Committee
101 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: FAVORABLE - SUPPORT of House Bill 1184
Civil Actions - Nonprofit Organizations - Unauthorized Support of Israeli Settlement
Activity (Not On Our Dime Act)**

To the Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Michael Lent, I am a resident of Parkville, MD in District 08. I am writing to name my support for HB 1184 the "Civil Actions - Nonprofit Organizations - Unauthorized Support of Israeli Settlement Activity (Not On Our Dime Act)" bill. This bill prohibits nonprofit organizations in Maryland from engaging in or supporting activities that contribute to Israeli settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and which are banned under the Geneva Conventions. This bill also establishes a level of accountability for nonprofits by enabling legal consequences for individuals harmed to pursue. Supporting this bill means holding nonprofit organizations to international law, upholding human rights and protections for affected communities.

Nonprofit organizations in Maryland mustn't support activities that violate international law, as such actions undermine global efforts to promote peace, justice, and human rights. Passing this bill would create a meaningful avenue for individuals and communities harmed by illegal Israeli settlements to seek justice and compensation when these settlements are funded or supported by nonprofits in Maryland.

For these reasons and many more, **I ask the Judiciary Committee to give HB 1184 a favorable report.**

Thank you for your time,
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