

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 Eric Musa, I am a resident of Frederick, MD, District 3.. I am writing to name my support to 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.

Egregious violations of humanitarian law, like those perpetrated by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, cannot be allowed to be fueled by tax-exempt non-profits in Maryland, or the U.S. in general. Organizations that receive tax-exemptions or government funding and send material support abroad to inflame conflict and cause suffering are doing so with every Americans' tax dollars. This needs to be banned now, so that the harm done by groups already doing so can start to be reversed, with peace and diplomacy, not militancy and colonisation.

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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