

**Re: Testimony In Support of HB 1184 Civil Actions - Nonprofit Organizations - Unauthorized Support of Israeli Settlement Activity (Not On Our Dime Act)**

Dear Chair Bartlett and Members of the Committee:

Maryland should not allow charitable donations raised in our communities to support illegal settlement expansion, violence against civilians, or the destruction of homes and property in occupied Palestinian territory.

It is not only criminal that non-profits have been using their tax-advantaged charitable status to aid activities that violate international humanitarian law. It is also a drain on our state budget. Our budget is in critical condition and the needs of many Marylanders, especially those with disabilities, are not being met. We need our tax dollars here in Maryland and not allow deductions that fund illegal activities.

I urge you to stand for human rights and accountability by supporting and passing HB 1184. Marylanders' generosity must never be used to finance abuses abroad.

For these reasons I respectfully urge a favorable report.

Thank you.

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