

**March 9, 2026**

**Re: Testimony In Support of HB1184 - Not On Our Dime Act**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I write today as a representative of Anne Arundel for Palestine, asking you to find a favorable position for HB1184, the Not On Our Dime Act.

HB1184 outlines important distinctions for Maryland charities, and would make it easier for state residents to engage in charitable giving by creating a stronger framework for local charities. This legislation seeks to ensure the integrity of our charitable organizations, and ensures that organizations that operate with a tax-exempt status are held to standards of ethical importance.

It is an unfortunate truth that organizations and entities do not always act within the bounds of international law, and are not always held accountable for these actions. HB1184 would create a baseline that requires Maryland's non-profits to increase their transparency and accountability while also assisting as a safe-guard for human rights.

HB1184 seeks to limit Marylanders monetary donations in the on-going displacement and violence against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. In a press release from The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Action dated September 18, 2023, that year was the deadliest year on record for Palestinian children in the West Bank with over one child per week being killed by settler violence. The retaliation to the attacks on October 7, 2023 have been a front for continued land theft and violence, and it is unconscionable that there are charities that can aid in this endeavor.

Our charitable donations to non-profits should never be used to perpetuate violence and the breaking of international law. Help protect Maryland's spirit of solidarity and ensure that this basic tenant of neighborliness is upheld by passing HB1184.

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Source link cited above:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/2023-marks-deadliest-year-record-children-occupied-west-bank>