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Good afternoon, Chairman Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony for House Bill 297. My name is Crystal Carpenter and I have the pleasure of serving as a Co-Chair of the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project. The Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project educates the public on the truths of our nation's continuing legacy of slavery, memorializes victims of racial terror lynchings in our county, and advances the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration. As the recent pandemic has undoubtedly halted many of the experiential learning activities we had planned for the community, we are hoping that the Committee vote favorably in extending the bill to allow the much needed time to educate the public on this very important issue.