

Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
And Members of The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB 0953-Domestic Terrorism Task Force SUPPORT W/ AMMENDMENTS

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee,

SB 0953, like SB 0864, focuses on, and singles out white supremacy as being the only actions which currently threaten Homeland Security, thereby turning a blind eye to the radical and heinous crimes of Antifa and BLM. It is of my opinion that white supremacy groups are not causing any where near the violent and heinous crimes against citizens and entire communities as that of BLM and Antifa, yet, at every turn, there are individuals demanding the protection for members of every race, other than Caucasians, from white supremacists. Celebrities and government officials are creating racism where no racism exists.

SB 0953, along with SB 0864 implies that misinformation and disinformation are that which is presented by conservative media sources. If thoughts and ideas don't agree with the radical narrative of the Democratic Party, it's misinformation. If MSM would pursue the truth, through true journalism, and broadcast facts, instead of a skewed narrative, there would be no misinformation. Why is it always assumed that Conservative ideology is disinformation?

Unequal punishment for equal, or even more devastating, crimes is causing bitterness and rage among the citizens of Maryland and throughout the U.S. Reverse discrimination is emerging, and citizens are being punished for simply "being white" and labeled as racist.

There should be an equal set of standards for the judgement of, and punishment for, such crimes, regardless of the performers. Race should not be a factor thereof.

As long as the violent crimes of BLM and Antifa continue to be labeled as "peaceful protests" and the perpetrators thereof receive no punishment; as long as white citizens are labeled as the only performers of hate crimes and racist actions, and, yes, as long as the fraud surrounding the 2020 Presidential election is dismissed as "conspiracy theory", there will be division, bitterness and dissention among Marylanders and American citizens, in general.

Please vote for a FAVORABLE REPORT for SB 0953 with an amendment to include the offenses of BLM and Antifa.

Sincerely,
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