



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter**  
**In Favor of SB0646 – General Provisions – Commemorative Days –**  
**Hip Hop Day of Service**  
**Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**  
**On March 8th 2024**

**Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:**

**Senate Bill 0646 requires that the Governor annually proclaim November 18 as Hip Hop Day of Service. The proclamation should urge citizens and organizations to observe Hip Hop Day of Service with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.**

**Hip Hop since the 1970s has allowed generations of creatives and artists to express their art and bring marginalized voices together to speak out against pressing issues such as injustice, discrimination, and inequality. Hip Hop has been used as a powerful tool for promoting social change, empowerment, and unity among diverse individuals from various walks of life. Through lyricism and creative expression, Hip Hop artists have been able to use their platform to bring awareness to various societal issues, act as a cultural force, and promote education and community empowerment.**

**Hip Hop Day of Service will serve as a day where we celebrate the positive impact that Hip Hop culture has had on society, while also bringing together communities to promote unity, equality, and justice. We encourage Hip Hop enthusiasts, artists, and community members to collaborate on service projects, host educational events, or participate in local clean-up initiatives. Ultimately, the goal is to make a difference in the lives of the youth in our communities and those in most need.**

**As such, I urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB0622. Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely,**

**Senator Jill P. Carter**