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**FAVORABLE HB894**

Procurement - Government of the People's Republic of China - Prohibition

Madame Chair, Sponsors and HGO Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a long time Maryland citizen and a licensed mental health therapist. I am writing to urge a Favorable report for HB 894.

For obvious reasons, we who are Maryland and US citizens do not want the foreign and adversarial government of China to buy or engage in contracts that would give them authority, control, ownership or management of any of our resources. In order to avoid such transactions, the appropriate agencies need to scrutinize the parties involved in such transactions. This bill would require that and we ask a Favorable report for HB 894.

Thank you.  
Emily Tarsell