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### House Bill 0071

### In Support Of

### Education – Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program – Established House Ways and Means Committee

Dear Honorable Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Vice Chair, and distinguished Ways and Means Committee members,

### The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports HB 0071 Education – Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program – Established.

This bill will establish the Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program in the Maryland State Department of Education. This program will provide \$50,000 grants to applying school systems to support educating teachers about the Holocaust. Teachers can then pass on what they learn to the students they teach. We believe that the annual \$500,000 expenditure is worthwhile and justified.

With the increase in antisemitism (in schools and in the community) resulting from the recent Israeli-Palestinian War, this grant program will help ensure appropriate understanding of the tragic and traumatic events of the Holocaust are never forgotten or repeated.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge support for HB 0071.

Sincerely,

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President

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Legislative Aide