HB 1166 from our Environmental Team gets a hearing this week



### ENVIRONMENTAL CLIMATE ACTION





The Less Plastic Please Bill -HB 1166is getting a hearing before the Environment and Transportation Committee on March 12th at 1 PM!

The Less Plastic Please Team is urging you to testify or

submit written support for the bill. By going to our WebSite you can find links to the bill summary and the entire bill. You will also find an easy way to provide a short written statement in support of the bill.

### **DEFEND DEMOCRACY**

There are two pending US Supreme Court cases on gerrymandering in NC and MD, but there are <u>MD bills</u> about redrawing MD's voting district maps with hearings in the MD House Monday. The Defend Democracy Team agrees with removing politics from redistricting criteria but recommends waiting until after the Supreme Court rulings are made. March updates on Redistricting in Maryland will appear soon under Latest on the <u>website Home Page</u>. Please ensure fairness and send the <u>attached letter</u> (by Monday morning, if possible) to the committee chair, vice chair, and your District's Delegate on the committee:

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Thank you for your fast action!

## **EDUCATION**

**Education Action - Time Sensitive** 

Former Senator Gail Bates has been nominated by Governor Hogan to sit on the State Board of Education. Bates has been a vocal advocate for private school vouchers and for giving tax credits to parents of private school students and introduced dozens of bills in this same vein.

We do not need another anti-public school member on this Governor appointed board. Fortunately, the Senate Executive Nomination Committee has the power to confirm or deny gubernatorial appointments. The hearing will be tomorrow evening, March 4th. The Committee will accept written testimony until 3pm tomorrow. Please email the committee Chair Ronald N. Young ronald.young@senate.state.md.us or committee member Senator Clarence Lam <u>Clarence.Lam@house.state.md.us</u> asking them to block Gail Bates nomination. She will not be a voice for our public school children.

# IMMIGRATION



## Where are the children?

#### Help by donating any size children's used or new pajamas for the National Mall Project.

#### International Children's Day - June 9, 2019

Drop your donations off in the box in the lower level lobby of Owen Brown Interfaith Center or contact us to pick them up.

Thanks!

A project cosponsored by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia Social Justice Task Force & IndivisibleHoCoMD Immigration Action Team along with as many other congregations and organizations we can persuade to join us!

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## LET OUR LIGHT SHINE



The Democrat-controlled House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a universal background check bill which, if the Senate were interested in passing it, would be the most significant gun control legislation in a generation. Read an <u>article from VOX</u> on why this is important and why it's not enough.

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