



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

July 21, 2020

Dear Montgomery County Councilmembers,

RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to urge Maryland state lawmakers to change “Maryland, My Maryland” as the state song and urge against the song from being played at official Montgomery County events.

On behalf of the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club, thank you for your unanimous action in introducing a Council Resolution to urge the State of Maryland to repeal and replace the State Song “Maryland, My Maryland” and to urge against the song from being played at public events in Montgomery County, including public school events and graduations.

We fully support this Resolution. Repeal of our Confederate State Song is long overdue. It represents hate, not history, and has no place as a symbol of today's Maryland.

A special thanks to Councilmember Evan Glass who co-led with Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Will Jawando, Hans Riemer and Council President Sidney Katz, the submission of this Resolution.

No Marylander should have to sing, or listen to, a State Song praising the forces that fought for slavery, regardless of whether they know or understand the song's meaning or history. **Your action will send an important message to all Montgomery County residents that there is no place for racism in today's Maryland.**

Now more than ever, we must all work together to heal long-standing wounds.

Respectfully,

Diana Conway
President