Our hybrid meeting and Hanukkah

To: People on the Go Maryland (POG) members
From: Mat Rice, Executive Director

Dear POG members,

I apologize in advance to our members who celebrate Hanukkah. Unfortunately, we were unable to schedule our upcoming hybrid meeting at a date and time that avoids the final day of the holiday. This meeting will offer options to attend in person or online.

We respect the importance of Hanukkah to those who celebrate it. We understand if you cannot attend because you will be observing the holiday. POG values each member's individuality, beliefs, and right to make choices about their own life.

As Executive Director, I will ask our Board of Directors at a future meeting to change our bylaws, which are the rules that guide POG. I will propose that observing any holiday or taking a break to care for your mental health be an excused absence from any POG meeting. This would apply to every type of meeting.

This is a proposed change. It will be up to the Board to decide whether to approve it.

We want our meetings to be welcoming and accessible. With our current meeting arrangements, we cannot always avoid every scheduling conflict or accommodate every situation. We respect your right to decide what is best for you.

Again, I am sorry for this conflict with Hanukkah. Thank you for being part of POG.

With respect,

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