

**Testimony in Support of
Senate Bill 895 - Maryland Technology Internship Program**

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rachael Sanchez and I am a senior at the University of Maryland Baltimore County studying Business Technology Administration and Media and Communication Studies. I am the President of Sigma Alpha Lambda, Leadership Honors Society and have a passion for the intersection of technology, business and public service. I have had many internship experiences as well as part time work experiences ranging from operations analyst to marketing coordinator and my current role Digital Media Intern at Maryland Department of IT. At DoIT, I have been working on projects utilizing social media platforms to effectively communicate DoIT's initiatives and work on internal communications to highlight various staff members through a social media feature. I compile graphic posts, videography featuring DoIT staff, and writing press releases and a monthly newsletter. Technology careers are not just cyber, technology can be used to engage the community and improve messaging.

As we know, internships are crucial to gain experience and be a competitive candidate post graduation. MTIP allows for organizations that are not able to hire interns, to pay competitively and bridge workforce skills gaps between higher education and workforce needs.

Today, I am here to express my support for Senate Bill 895 which will support and grow the technical talent at the state of Maryland. I am from Maryland and plan to stay in Maryland

post graduation. Making sure our government has the best talent is important for our safety and lives in Maryland. This expansion would improve the overall MTIP impact and support public sector workforce development in Maryland. I urge you to consider these alterations to Senate Bill 895. Thank you for your time.