

TESTIMONY OF SABRINA N. PEREIRA

**HB 348
FAVORABLE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE – MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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TO: Chairman Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the House Appropriations Committee

My name is Sabrina Noble Pereira, and I am a junior student in the Legal Studies program at the University of Baltimore. I am also a participant in the Schaefer Center for Public Policy NextGen Leaders for Public Service Program. I am a resident of Baltimore County.

I am writing in support of HB 348.

Through the NextGen program I received a paid internship with the Comptroller's Office. As a part of my internship, I worked with the Director of Hearings and Appeals and assisted with the Whistleblower program and organizing files for the Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (VDAs) and Officer in Compliance (OICs). Additionally, I drafted letters to taxpayers informing them of the adjustments made to their accounts for respective tax years.

As a result of this internship, I have piqued my interest in public service, especially working with the Government. My writing skills and task management have increased exponentially, resulting in my improvements in academics and work-life balance. If every student can be part of this wonderful program, I am confident that the vacancy in public sector will be filled in a 10-year period due to more interest from students that just graduated.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I urge you to return a favorable report on HB 348.

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