February 7, 2024 SB 426 Maryland STEM Program Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Position: Support

My name is Adam Katz and I have been involved with the New Jersey STEM Education program in my state since its inception. Now in its fourth year, we have seen this program grow, with teacher participation growing fifteen-fold, giving more opportunity to both public school teachers and nonpublic schools.

<u>Here</u>, you can see the New Jersey Department of Education Guidance on the website outlining the program and the process for teachers and schools to apply. And <u>here</u>, you can see the FAQs.

Over these four years, the New Jersey Department of Education has worked with both schools and teachers to achieve a program that is beneficial to everyone. My role, working for a nonprofit Teach Coalition, is to work with the New Jersey Department of Education to promote the program and recruit teachers and schools.

Based on the success of this program in New Jersey, I urge the Ways and Means Committee to vote favorably.

I look forward to answering any questions at the upcoming hearing.

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