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Stance: Support

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of including nonprofits in the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

As Executive Director of the Baltimore Robotics Center I work to increase the number and quantity of competitive robotics teams because it has shown such positive impact on inspiring and successfully preparing young people for STEM careers. We are only able to do this work by employing technology savvy coaches and teachers. In the past we have hired college students, especially ones that had previously played in the league, to work in our summer camp as well as our year around training and competition activities.

**By nonprofits, like the Baltimore Robotics Center, being included in the Maryland Technology Internship Program, we could hire more college students to work in our programs.**

I believe this work experience helps prepare these college students for the world of work, puts them in contact with employees from area manufacturers and tech companies that support the league (e.g. Northrup Grumman and Leidos) and also increases their technical knowledge.

Regards,

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