

Members of the Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee,

I would like to express my support for SB904, "Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Periods - University and College Textbooks". As a parent of students attending the University of Maryland, I am keenly aware of the costs incurred pursuing higher education goals. Especially during these turbulent economic times, defraying costs of education would represent a great benefit to parents and students alike. Any cost savings realized by students from this legislation will be applied against other school related costs. Furthermore, the long term benefits of this legislation would help to ease the economic strain student's encounter covering just the basic costs of their education.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this legislation.

Sincerely,

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