

Testimony offered on behalf of:

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**AKINDELE OMOTOSHO**

**IN SUPPORT OF:**

**HB 1170 – Primary and Secondary Education – Virtual Schools – Alterations**

**House Ways and Means Committee**

**Hearing 3/3/2021 at 1:30 PM**

My name is Akindele Omotosho. I am a freshman student at Pearson Online Academy here in Maryland. Prior to attending Pearson Online Academy, I was homeschooled since I was in third grade. My experience with Pearson Online Academy so far has been wonderful.

I think it is incredible how interactive each teacher is and how they make the work interesting. I also like being able to be in clubs at the school like the Diversity club where we talk about important topics in our world.

In my opinion, I think that Pearson Online Academy is a great school and I have met several different people and have truly had a great experience. I love how flexible the time schedules for classes are and how each class is recorded so I can watch them later. I love having a flexible schedule because I own an online business and the workable time schedules help me to have more time to work on my business and school.

I am so thankful that I could get into the Freedom Empowerment Scholarship and that I have gotten this experience to be in this school. I think that this opportunity should be open to other students in the State of Maryland and would hope that you would support and enact HB1170.

Many thanks,

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