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Favorable Testimony for Maryland Corps - Senate Bill No. 228

To House Appropriations Committee Chair, Delegate Macintosh:

As an executive in the nonprofit industry and a former educator and participant in Teach for America, I can tell you firsthand how participating in a PAID service learning opportunity confirmed and put me on my path to work in the social impact sector.

The opportunity to teach through a program like TFA allowed me to have valuable training that has paved the way for deeper experiences and overall understanding of working in the social impact sector. Many of the skills that I learned were transferable and ignited in me a desire to be a continuous learner in order to not only advance my career in this sector but also to have a more genuine impact. Because of this I am submitting a favorable written testimony for Maryland Corps - SB228. I know that the wraparound services proposed in the legislation and the removal of barriers such as stringent and racist participant requirements will ensure that more young people in the state, especially Black and Brown young changemakers such as myself, will have the opportunity to sharpen their future professional skills and create lifelong bonds with other changemakers across the state. This is what long term change is.

Sincerely,

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