

Unfavorable – HB0108 Human Services - Universal Basic Income for Transition-Age Youth - Establishment

I oppose because it will be detrimental to the youths as they learn at an early age to be dependent on the government to take care of them, exactly what a socialist country wants. We however are not a socialist country, nor are we a socialist state.

Many statistics out there already show that the social systems already in place create a mentality of dependence on the state. The State never provides programs to teach people to be independent. And this bill will contribute to that system of dependence, creating now at a very young age, citizens who are not contributing members of our society.

We need instead for these young people to take advantage and be given high priority to Maryland Workforce Exchange a system already in place. We need MWE to promote this class of individuals to employers the same as they do the unemployed and the disabled. The State needs to incentive employers to hire this class of people and provide training for the youth, which is already provided in MWE.

Use MWE and write legislation that will utilize what we already have in place and **create independent, contributing citizens!**

I oppose this bill and strongly urge the legislators to also consider my testimony and oppose this bill.

Thank you.

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