



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0136**  
**Child Support Enforcement - Occupational and**  
**Recreational Licenses - Taxpayer Identification Number**

January 24, 2023

Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Takoma Park Mobilization supports HB0136, which will allow Maryland residents to obtain professional or occupational licensure, without consideration of immigration status, if they meet all training and other state licensure requirements.

Takoma Park Mobilization ([tpmobilization.org](http://tpmobilization.org)) is an advocacy organization with over 2,400 followers. We're active in climate action and other environmental concerns, immigration, police and justice reform, and economic equity concerns.

Expanding access to professional and occupational licensure will recognize the immense contribution that immigrants make to Maryland's economy. This legislation will advance equity and opportunity and strengthen our communities. It will allow all our neighbors to do the work they are capable of and earn commensurate pay.

Individuals who gain licensure under this bill will be better able to support themselves and their families, who will rely less on public and community resources. They will pay more in state income taxes. According to the Higher Education Immigration Portal, there are 237,845 undocumented immigrants in the state, 15,485 of whom are DACA eligible. The spending power of just the DACA eligible population is over \$285 million, with a tax contribution of \$36 million.

Takoma Park Mobilization strongly supports HB0136, which will advance equity and economic opportunity and boost state finances.

Please give HB0136 a favorable committee report and floor vote.

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