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**TESTIMONY ON SB762 - FAVORABLE
Education - Maryland Civic Excellence Program - Established**

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 762, the Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence Bill, as it comes before the Ways & Means Committee in the Maryland House of Delegates.

As a student deeply committed to civic engagement and community involvement, I have seen the importance of empowering young people to become active participants in our democracy. The establishment of the Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence program presents a unique opportunity to celebrate students' dedication to civic causes while also encouraging further engagement.

Personally, I have always been deeply involved in civic engagement and community service through my experience volunteering at the Maryland Civic Education Coalition on the Youth Advisory Council. Additionally my time at the College Park Community Food Bank has also been extremely rewarding in understanding the importance of civic learning and the need in bolstering civic engagement among students, considering the benefits of being educated.

I respectfully urge the Ways & Means Committee to support Senate Bill 762 and help make the Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence program a reality. By doing so, we can inspire and empower students across our state to make a difference in their communities.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of this important legislation. I look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on Maryland's youth and the future of our democracy.

Sincerely,

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