The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair

House Appropriations Committee

120 Taylor House Office Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Barnes,

As a student preparing for life after high school, I have gained invaluable knowledge from career

programs at Old Mill High School. The opportunities provided, such as meeting guest speakers

from various fields and attending career expos, have helped me explore different career paths. If

it wasn't for my career coach I wouldn't think there were any opportunities for me after High

School. My family doesn't have a lot of money for college so learning about these resources

from my career coach has potentially set me up for success after high school. If HB 1245 passes,

these programs may be at risk, leaving students like me without the resources they need to plan

for their futures. I urge you to vote against HB 1245.

Sincerely,

Aniya Barnes

Grade: 11

Old Mill High School