The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair House Appropriations Committee 120 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Barnes,

My name is Tamika Patterson, and I am a student at Old Mill High School. I am writing to express my opposition to HB 1245 because it could negatively impact the career opportunities available to students like me. Thanks to our career coach, I have been exposed to different industries through career expos, guest speakers, and field trips to universities, businesses, and trade schools. These experiences have helped me make informed decisions about my future. Passing HB 1245 could limit access to these opportunities, and I strongly urge you to reconsider/oppose this bill.

Sincerely, Tamika Patterson Grade: 12 Old Mill High School