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

Dear Delegate Barnes,

When I first entered high school, I wasn't sure what career path I wanted to take. Thanks to our career coach, I attended a career expo that introduced me to various industries. I also visited Maryland Public Television and different universities to explore my options. These experiences have been life-changing for me, and I believe every student should have the same opportunities. Please vote against HB 1245 to protect career programs for students. Sincerely, Somaya Windley Grade: 11 Old Mill High School