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Before the Appropriations Committee

In Support of

House Bill 1114

Public Service Internship Scholarship Program – Renaming and Funding

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and Esteemed Members of the Appropriations Committee,

Governor Moore has made public service a pillar of his administration, investing in programs that inspire young people to give back to their communities. House Bill 1114 would build upon these efforts by doubling the number of state-funded internships, ensuring that more students have the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in government and nonprofit sectors. This bill would ensure that the Public Service Internship Scholarship Program has the funding and structure necessary to provide meaningful opportunities for students dedicated to serving our State.

The demand for qualified professionals in public service is growing. Many of our most critical sectors—law, social work, transportation, and nonprofit leadership—depend on a steady pipeline of committed individuals. By expanding this scholarship program, we would encourage students to explore these fields, build connections, and ultimately pursue careers dedicated to the public good.

HB1114 also would bring much-needed stability to the program by mandating annual appropriations. Too often, students eager to serve find themselves unable to accept internships because they are unpaid and financially unfeasible. This bill would remove that barrier, ensuring that students from all backgrounds—not just those who can afford to work without pay—have access to these invaluable experiences.

To be clear, public service is not just a job—it is a calling. With this legislation, we are sending a strong message to Maryland’s students that their passion for serving others is valued

and supported. I respectfully urge your **support** a favorable vote on HB1114, so we can continue to cultivate the leaders our state needs now and in the future.

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