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**TESTIMONY ON HB0912 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Institutions of Higher Education - Instructor Training - Accommodations for Students  
With Disabilities**

**TO:** Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Appropriations Committee

**FROM:** Mara Greengrass

**My name is Mara Greengrass. I'm a resident of District 18 and a parent of a college student and a high school student. I'm submitting this testimony in support of HB0912.**

My daughter is a sophomore at UMBC and my son is in 10th grade at Northwood High School. Our family has an interesting variety of mostly invisible disabilities, including various forms of executive dysfunction. As you can imagine, this makes school (and especially college) quite a challenge sometimes.

It's simple common sense that our institutions of higher learning should make sure that faculty and staff are educated in the laws related to students with disabilities. Professors, instructors, and teaching assistants should know the accommodations and adjustments allowed and/or required under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act.

Ignorance of the law should never be an excuse to keep students from achieving their very best at a college or university. This simple bill will take a first step to improving college life for students with physical and mental disabilities. **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0912.**