

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

Dear Delegate Barnes,

I am currently a student at Old Mill High School, and the career programs available to me have made a significant impact on my life. I have attended multiple field trips, including visits to Maryland Public Television and universities, that have expanded my understanding of potential careers. I have also met professionals from different industries through school-hosted career expos. If it wasn't for my career coach I never would have got to meet an internationally known sports broadcaster, which has shifted my mindset to look more into the journalism field. If HB 1245 passes, students like me may no longer have access to these opportunities. Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
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Old Mill High School