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

Dear Delegate Barnes,

As a high school student exploring my future, I have greatly benefited from career programs at Old Mill High School. Our career coach has provided us with career expos, guest speakers, and field trips that have allowed me to connect with professionals and explore career paths I never knew existed. HB 1245 threatens to reduce these invaluable experiences for students. I ask that you vote against this bill to ensure future students continue to have access to these life-changing opportunities.

Sincerely, Ruben Villarreal Grade: 11th Old Mill High School