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Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Senator Benon's Senate Bill 161. Its purpose is to provide the budget for driver's education to high school students, to help prepare them for the ability to acquire a driver's license which is often required to obtain and hold employment. In addition, this bill will support other workforce development initiatives that will help students be successful in their career paths.

This legislation supports the education needed to help students become productive and contributing members of our community. Driver's education remains important and necessary even though it is no longer provided in high schools.

It is for these reasons I ask you to support Senate Bill 161.

Sincerely,

Jolene Ivey
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