



Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

SB0008 Education – Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established

Bill Hearing Date January 29, 2025

Position: Support

January 24, 2025

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Roselyn Bi, and I am a resident of Howard County. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 0008, which seeks to establish the **Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence program**.

As a student, I have seen firsthand the importance of civic education in shaping responsible, informed citizens. Unfortunately, civic engagement often takes a backseat in our educational system, and this bill offers a critical opportunity to change that.

The Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence will:

- Encourage students to engage more deeply with civic education and activities.
- Highlight the importance of staying informed on local, state, and national issues.
- Inspire schools to integrate more civic learning into their curricula.

Working with new immigrant youths through a Culture Sharing Camp, I not only discovered my passion in serving other youths, especially those of vulnerable communities, but I also realized the importance of developing a welcoming community centered around service and supporting one another. The Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence will encourage students to find their interests and develop a sense of social responsibility.

Inspiring youth, the future of our tomorrow, to actively engage with others and their community establishes a strong foundation for our democracy and builds a thriving community in Maryland and beyond.

In conclusion, **SB0008** is an investment in the future of Maryland's democracy. By supporting this bill, the committee will help ensure that Maryland's students are empowered to actively contribute to their communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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