

Testimony Supporting the Maryland Civic Seal Bill

To the Honorable Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

My name is Fanna Jallow, an 11th-grade student at Annapolis High School , and I strongly support the Maryland Civic Seal Bill. This bill is important for reinforcing civic education and helping students understand our state's history, values, and responsibilities as citizens.

As a high school student, I've learned that being an active, informed citizen is essential, not only for participating in elections but also for contributing positively to my community. The Civic Seal Bill would help ensure that students across Maryland develop a deeper understanding of their role in society, making it easier to engage with issues that affect us.

The bill would encourage students to participate in community service and other civic activities, which could help us gain practical experience and understand how we can make a difference locally. For instance, as part of our coursework, many students are already involved in volunteering or working with local organizations. This bill would not only recognize those efforts but also give us the tools to better connect what we learn in class with real-world applications.

Additionally, this bill supports the development of critical skills, such as leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. These skills are not only important for my future, no matter what career I pursue, but also for my everyday life as a responsible and engaged member of society.

In conclusion, the Maryland Civic Seal Bill is a valuable initiative that will encourage students to become more active in their communities and increase our understanding of how we can contribute to positive change. I believe this program will help us grow as informed, responsible citizens, ready to face the challenges of the future.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Fanna Jallow

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