

Written Testimony in Support of HB1530

To: Chair Ben Barnes, Vice Chair Anne R. Kaiser and Members of the Maryland House Appropriations Committee

From: , Baltimore City Schools Student

Hello, my name is Jose and I am a student in Baltimore City Schools. I am writing favorably for HB1530.

As an immigrant student athlete in Baltimore city I'm able to experience firsthand the horrors of my peers' academic career forcefully coming to an end. For many of us, high school is the furthest education we'll ever get. Not because we don't want to, we have so much passion to go further, but money can be tight. And without the help from the government there's no hope for us to afford college, so our focus is shifted to working and helping pay bills.

Once again, I am asking you all to please consider passing HB1530 so that we can give undocumented students a fair chance at higher education.

Respectfully,

Jose