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Written Testimony in Support of HB1530

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

From: Mi-Le Sanders, Baltimore City Schools Student

Hello, my name is Mi-Le Sanders, and I am a 9th grade student at Western High School in Baltimore City. I am a part of the Journalism club at Western, and the International club. Obviously when we go international, people crave the fact America has very good colleges, and I strongly believe everyone, undocumented or not, deserves in-state tuition. I am submitting written testimony to support HB1530, which would remove the requirements that undocumented students must submit three years of their parents' tax returns to qualify for in-state tuition and federal loans.

Undocumented students have the same rights as anyone else. I believe this due to the fact that a lot of immigrants helped build America, so why would you take away their right to build up America, make cultured restaurants, do hair, and other things you love so much if they can't even get the proper education they deserve? This is so unfair, they are still PEOPLE, not aliens. America, do better. This land we are on doesn't even belong to US, so why would you deny their right to college education on a land that technically we are illegal on? If this bill is passed, this would open up a lot of opportunities for people, and it would shine a little hope to undocumented students in Maryland, and even America, showing that the U.S still has a heart.

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, so please, give them a chance.

Respectfully,

Mi-Le' Sanders.