

**Written Testimony in Support of HB1530 -Higher Education - Undocumented Students -
Out-of-State Tuition Exemption Eligibility**

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

From: Adam Golden

I write today in support of the passage of HB1530. Maryland is fortunate to be home to a diverse body of successful high school students and world-class public universities. Under current law, however, many of those successful students are essentially precluded from attending our universities because of onerous tax filing requirements that have nothing to do with a student's achievement or ability.

With Trump in the White House, the changes advocated by HB1530 are extremely urgent---our undocumented neighbors are fearful of any interaction with the federal government, making many families hesitant to file taxes. As a result, many student-residents of Maryland are ineligible for in-state tuition and scholarships, making college unaffordable for them and their families.

Maryland can and should show that we can both accept the diversity of our population and promote the success of our universities. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.