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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: , Baltimore City Schools Student

Hello, my name is Caleb Zhou and I am a teacher at Forest Park High School in Baltimore City. 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.

I think it is actually fair for undocumented students who are unproductive and not contributing to our country to have extra obstacles. However, if a student is working hard and has a good G.P.A to go to college in-state to UMD or UMBC or Towson, what kind of logic is that to make it harder for them so that they can eventually give back to Maryland and help our communities become more productive?

Once again, I am asking you all to please strongly consider passing HB1530 so that we can give undocumented students who work hard each day, going to class, participating, getting good grades, doing everything right and listening to all the adults in their lives a fair chance at higher education. If they don't get in-state student loans they cannot go to college in state and most likely cannot go to college at all.

Respectfully,

Caleb Zhou