

## Written Testimony in Support of HB 1530

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I write in support of HB 1530, which would remove the requirement that an undocumented student seeking in-state tuition at Maryland public universities provide 3 years of their parents' tax returns. This bureaucratic hurdle should not continue to preclude Maryland students from continuing their education. Maryland must adjust its policies to meet the moment and ensure that *all* of our deserving high school graduates have the opportunity to continue on to college.

The IRS has already “erroneously” shared taxpayer information with the Department of Homeland Security,<sup>1</sup> and undocumented individuals are understandably wary of sharing any information with the federal government. No serious person can doubt that the current administration will continue to seek to gain access to individuals' sensitive information in service of its horrific immigration enforcement goals. Students who work hard in high school and earn admission to a Maryland public university should be able to attend regardless of their citizenship or their parents' tax filing status.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/data-of-thousands-of-taxpayers-wrongly-shared-with-dhs-court-filing-says>