

**HB 1530:** Higher Education - Undocumented Students - Out-of-State Tuition Exemption Eligibility: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Appropriations Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE HB 1530** during committee consideration or floor votes.

**HB 1530 is unfair to Maryland taxpayers and law-abiding residents who pay full out-of-state or in-state tuition rates. Public colleges and universities in Maryland are heavily subsidized by state funds—funds contributed primarily by Maryland residents and legal residents who pay taxes here.**

**Expanding eligibility further—without requiring lawful presence or additional contributions—diverts limited financial aid and subsidy resources away from Maryland citizens, legal immigrants, and U.S. citizens who are already struggling with rising tuition costs.**

**This bill also undermines the integrity of state residency-based benefits.** Maryland should prioritize tuition relief and financial aid for residents who are legally present and contributing to our economy and tax system.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote against HB 1530**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my concerns regarding this important fiscal responsibility, fairness, and higher education policy issue.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals