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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 Taniya Creasey, and I am an 11th-grade student at Forest Park High School in Baltimore City. I am a 3.6 student in SGA, debate, and JROTC XO. My family is split so many different ways, like black foot native american,jamican,honduran and haitian with most of my family undocumented or struggle with no help from anyone after citizenship, 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.

[We need HB1530, immigrants come to America for the freedom, the rights, and the way we conduct are self. But if we refuse the rights to HB1530, are we any better than any other place? We need to give them the same privileges as us the citizens. They should be given the same education AND be given the same chance after high school into college

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. We need to show the people that we can and are what we preach constantly.

Respectfully,

Taniya Creasey