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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: Maryland Resident

Hello, my name is Alli and I am a Maryland resident. Education has been an extremely important element in my life and has helped me grow as a person, and also enabled me to achieve success. Education is a human right. 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.

No students should have to face more obstacles than they already do in obtaining an education. More so, undocumented people and students are currently facing unprecedented discrimination. Having to present 3 years of tax returns is an unnecessary obstacle and is discriminatory. All students deserve an equal chance.

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. Education is a human right.

Respectfully,

Alli Spain