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**In Support of House Bill 1050
State Department of Education – Organ Donation –
Development of Educational Materials**

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Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and members of the Committee,

Good afternoon, my name is Allyson Gonzalez, and I am a twelfth-grade student in the Biomedical Allied Health Magnet Program at Glen Burnie High School in Anne Arundel County. I am testifying today in support of House Bill 1050 and respectfully urge the Committee to vote in favor of this legislation.

House Bill 1050 ensures that students are taught about organ, eye, and tissue donation using information developed in consultation with trusted experts. It requires the State Department of Education to work with the nonprofit that operates Maryland’s donor registry, helping ensure that materials are age-appropriate, medically accurate, evidence-based, and consistent with Maryland law.

This bill is important to me because many students my age are navigating serious topics while being surrounded by misinformation—often from peers or social media. This can make something as important as organ donation feel confusing or even frightening. Providing accurate, evidence-based education replaces fear with understanding and empowers students to make informed, confident decisions.

As students, we are learning to make choices that will shape our futures. When we are given clear and accurate information—especially about important health topics—we are better prepared to make decisions that can truly impact lives.

House Bill 1050 ensures that students receive the knowledge they need to understand organ donation and feel confident in their decisions.

Thank you, Chair and members of the Committee, for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for your favorable support of House Bill 1050.

Sincerely,

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