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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,

My name is Cooper Altman, and I am a senior in the BMAH program at Glen Burnie High School in Anne Arundel County. I am here today to testify in support of House Bill 1050.

This issue is important to me because organ donation is the only hope for a growing number of people across our country. At my school, I have seen that many students have little to no understanding of what organ donation really means. Some even believe that their organs could be taken while they are still alive. That kind of misinformation is dangerous.

As students, we deserve access to clear, accurate facts so we can make informed decisions when the time comes. Right now, we have the benefit of time, health, and education to think carefully about these choices. Without that education, myths and misunderstanding will continue, and that can have life-or-death consequences for people who are most vulnerable. One day, any one of us or someone we love could be in need of a transplant.

Providing students with factual, age-appropriate education about organ donation helps us better understand the process, have informed conversations with our families, and make decisions based on truth rather than fear.

Thank you to the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for your favorable support of House Bill 1050.

Sincerely,

*Cooper Altman*

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