

Testimony in Support of HB 1115

Before the Maryland House Ways and Means Committee

March 6, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a Maryland resident and former teacher writing in support of [Maryland House Bill 1115](#). As someone who has worked in the classroom, I know the dedication required to earn and maintain certification through the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#), one of the highest professional standards in education. Teachers who continue to meet these rigorous expectations should be recognized for their commitment to students and to their profession. Correcting this unintended policy gap is a fair step that supports experienced educators and helps maintain a strong, respected teaching workforce in Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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