*<This is a sample letter template you can use to contact your state elected officials to urge them to support students and institutions in considering legislation related to in-state tuition for undocumented students. To use this letter, you should* ***copy and paste the text below into a new document*** *and replace the highlighted text with information specific to you.*

* *In the second paragraph, you should personalize your letter by providing an example or two of how undocumented students you work with or at your campus are impacted by state-level tuition policies.*
* *You do NOT need to name specific students or indicate the institution you work at.*

*You may also make other changes to the text in the template, to add or remove specific information and tailor your letter to focus on the issues most important to you.>*

March 12, 2019

Dear Representative <Lastname>:

As your constituent living in <Your City>, I am writing today in reference to Maryland House Bill 118, ‘Higher Education - Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships - In-State Tuition’ and Maryland House Bill 262, ‘Higher Education – Tuition Rates – Exemptions.’

As a student affairs professional, I see first-hand how marginalized students are impacted by state-level policies. <Insert personal statement or story>

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On behalf of our students, I urge you to work with your legislative colleagues to support in-state tuition and financial aid options for immigrants. Efforts to increase college enrollment for marginalized students may positively affect the wealth of the state and our nation and support efforts to close the gap in high school graduation and college attainment rates. Please work to help pass legislation that would create in-state tuition options for eligible undocumented students at Maryland state universities.

<Your Name>

<Your Address, including Zip Code>

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