Vanessa J. Sanchez Silver Spring, Maryland April 3, 2025

Dear Office of Montgomery County Council:

My name is Vanessa and I am a student at John F. Kennedy High School. I am addressing you to express my support and gratitude towards the Liberty's Promise programs that I have been privileged to be a part of. This program has been of great help for my personal growth and community development, and I firmly believe that they should continue to receive funding.

Liberty's Promise programs offer are a great variety of services and opportunities that have had a positive impact in my life and in the lives of some of my classmates. First, it is helping us to continue pursuing our dream of finishing high school.

Additionally, Liberty's Promise programs have created a sense of community and belonging among their participants. It has been a refuge for many of us and has provided safe and nurturing spaces to grow.

As a result, I think it is fundamental that your organization continues to provide support to this program. The investment to programs like Liberty's Promise not only benefits the individual participants, but also has a positive impact in the community at large.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Sanchez, 10<sup>th</sup> grade student