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As a current International Baccalaureate (IB) student, I strongly support the proposed bill that allows students who have completed an IB program to not have to meet certain requirements for a high school diploma.

The IB program is a challenging and rewarding curriculum that requires students to take a wide range of courses, including foreign languages, arts, and community service. As an IB student, I have learned to think critically, work collaboratively, and manage my time effectively. These skills will undoubtedly benefit me in college and in my future career.

Despite the rigor of the IB program, this state still requires students to meet more requirements for a high school diploma, even if they have completed the entire IB program. This seems unfair and unnecessary, as IB students have already demonstrated their academic abilities and readiness for college.

Therefore, I strongly support the proposed bill that directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules by which a student who has completed an International Baccalaureate program may satisfy certain requirements for a high school diploma in this state. This bill would not only recognize the hard work and dedication of IB students but also encourage more students to enroll in the program, knowing that their efforts will be recognized and valued.

In conclusion, I urge you to pass this bill and recognize the value of the IB program in preparing students like me for success in college and beyond. Thank you for your attention.