



## ***ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.***



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The Honorable Maggie McIntosh  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee  
Room 121 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### **Re: SUPPORT for HB1011 Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot**

Dear Chairman McIntosh:

Children are mandated to attend school during the Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade school years. However, we know that continuing education beyond high school results in more positive economic outcomes for students, especially our students that come from low-income households. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is firmly committed to supporting efforts that facilitate low income students' matriculation through high school and to and through post-secondary education. As a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Prince George's County, I am in full support of HB1011 Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot.

The purpose of this bill aligns with our sorority's historic mission to support education. Encouraging low income Maryland high school students to attend and complete college; connecting potential college and university students with non-profit organizations that have a history of successful higher education outcomes for youth; and providing the adequate funding for these established organizations will provide a more secure pathway to college success for low income students. We must work to make education, as well as access to higher education, equitable for any marginalized students.

In conclusion, I support HB1011 Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot and its aims to help non-profit organizations receive the funding that they need to support low income high school students realize their potential to college or university. An education beyond high school for low income students offers an opportunity for lifelong financial independence and a chance at a life beyond poverty.

Respectfully,

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