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**HB 1082 - Higher Education – Denial of Transfer Credit – Notice and Report (Transfer With Success Act)**

Dear Madame Chair,

I am writing this letter to ask for a favorable report for House Bill 1082, the Transfer with Success Act. A friend and classmate of mine had credits she had earned at a two-year college withheld when transferring to the University of Maryland College Park. I worry that this problem might in turn come to affect several colleagues and coworkers currently working through their first two years of university.

I am a recent transfer student myself, and while my academic credits transferred with little issue, I am very aware of the ramifications I could have faced if that process had not gone so smoothly. As we are often made of aware of these days, the cost of higher education has dramatically increased over the last several decades, increasing not only the drawback of time lost from academic credit refusals, but an increasing financial burden onto the transferee as well. It is my firm belief that this bill has the potential to lessen the likelihood of this issue by enforcing communication between academic institutions in order to rectify any conflicts between academic curricula and to reduce this problem for future transfer students.

Sincerely,

James Gray