

Queen Anne's County
 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 
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March 2, 2020

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
2 West
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Pinsky,

Subject: SB 794– Regional Career & Technical Education (CTE) School

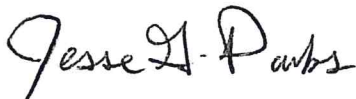
The Queen Anne's County Economic Development Commission supports Senate Bill 794 as this bill will enable our region to move forward on building a new Regional Career and Technical Education School that would serve students in the 5 County region of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot.

This type of regional collaborative effort to provide education in skilled trades would not only provide for economies of scale, it would also give students training and eventually job opportunities with area businesses who are struggling to find qualified skilled employees. Many of these types of jobs provide higher than average wages and the ability for long term career growth and potential business ownership.

The QA Economic Development Commission has worked closely with Project Bright Future in collaboration with the area school systems, government, businesses and the public to promote training and education opportunities for those students not college bound.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this legislation.

Respectfully,



Jesse Parks, Chair