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RE: Senate Bill 620 – Higher Education – Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures – Workgroup Study (Maryland Articulation and Transfer Act)

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 620. My purpose for submitting this legislation is because today in our country, a student can transfer from a high school in California to a high school in Maryland without jeopardizing their ability to walk across the stage on graduation day. Unfortunately, that is not the case when our students transfer from a Maryland community college to a Maryland four-year university. All too often, our community college students, many of whom cannot afford tuition costs for four years at a university, are forced to retake basic curriculum courses or lose course credit altogether because the Maryland university refuses to accept their community college credits. We have allowed this issue to persist under the false claim of unequal academic rigor. It is time that we lift the thin veil of education elitism. We have developed content standards for high school courses and we can do the same for basic college courses. Community colleges serve as a critical bridge for our young who are looking to earn a degree for a career in their chosen field. We owe it to these students to assemble all the stakeholders and bring an end to this issue. This bill is the first step in that process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bob Cassilly".

Senator Bob Cassilly