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My name is Peter Iwuh and I am a Senior at Morgan State University.

I am here in support of SB501 which supports the awarding of state grants. I began college in 2018 and since my first year of college, I have been receiving the Guaranteed Access Grant. At the beginning of last semester, I became concerned due to not seeing the GA grant added to my financial aid account.

For years the Guaranteed Access Grant has made it possible for me to attend MSU and stay on campus. I thought this year would be no different until August 2021. During the summer I noticed my GA grant was not awarded. I kept contacting my Financial Aid office and MHEC to see if anything was being done, but I got no response. It wasn't until my classes were about to start at this time that I reached out to FGCB the help as they contacted the President of my college to make sure things were done. Without their support, I would've been unable to begin my senior year. I believe if MHEC could have informed me of this matter I could have done something sooner before the summer or before the school year started.

Thank you,

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