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**Testimony in Support of SB0069 - Anne Arundel County – Board of Community College Trustees – Membership Alterations and Appointment Requirements**

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

SB0069 would simply expand the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County from eight members to ten.

**Background**

Like many volunteer-run institutions with large workloads, the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County currently finds itself in a situation where the existing board members' time and energy are stretched thin. With multiple committees and commitments, individual board members are forced to take on a great amount of responsibility, making it difficult to recruit new members when others step down. In addition, the relatively small number of positions on the Board means it can be difficult to have a Board that reflects the ethnic and geographic diversity of the County.

**Solution**

To address these issues, SB 0069 would:

- Expand the number of Board positions from eight to ten; and,
- Encourage the Governor to appoint members that collectively look like the County and reside from Brooklyn Park to Friendship and Broadneck to Maryland City and everywhere in between.

Per the Fiscal Note, SB0069 would not require any additional state or local expenditures. SB0069 is in the same posture as its crossfile, HB0327, which passed this committee and the full House.

As Chair of the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB0069.