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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 749 – Institutions of Higher Education – Dually Enrolled Students - Alterations

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the EEE Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 749 this afternoon. This bill expands the definition of "dually enrolled student" to include a "nonpublic secondary school student" or a "home school" student so that these students are eligible to apply for the Part-time Grant Program and the Early College Access Grant.

The dual enrollment program improves college and career outcomes for our students, and also reduces potential financial barriers to college access. Private and home school students deserve equitable access to college just like their public-school peers, and SB 749 ensures this opportunity for more Maryland high school students. Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 749.

Sincerely,

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