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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 269
MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - REVISIONS
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and Appropriations Committee Members:

Senate Bill 269 is a very straightforward bill that chiefly alters the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program to allow part-time associate's degree students to receive the scholarship for up to six years, as opposed to the current three year maximum. The legislation also clarifies that students participating in registered apprenticeship programs may receive the award for up to three years as well.

The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is a valuable tool to initiate gap-filling economic resources for individuals pursuing their academic goals. This legislation is simply a means to the end of providing these scholarship recipients greater flexibility in achieving those goals.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 269.