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The Honorable Ben Barnes
Appropriations
120 Taylor House Office Building
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Dear Delegate Barnes and Committee:

Subject: Support for HB845—Community College Promise Scholarship Eligibility for Delmar High School Graduates

Dear Chairman Barnes and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for, which would expand eligibility for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to include Maryland residents who graduate from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware.

Students who live in Delmar, Maryland often attend Delmar High School due to the unique interstate structure of the Delmar community and its school system. While these students are Maryland residents, they currently face barriers to accessing certain state higher education benefits because their high school is located just across the state line in Delaware.

HB845 corrects this inequity by ensuring that Maryland residents who attend Delmar High School are treated the same as other Maryland students when applying for the Community College Promise Scholarship. These students and their families pay Maryland taxes, contribute to Maryland communities, and deserve equal access to the educational opportunities the state provides.

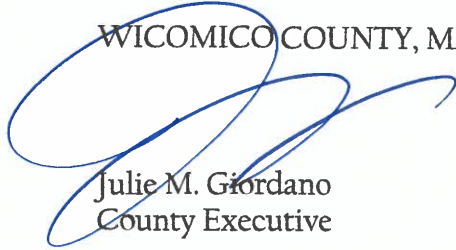
By expanding eligibility, this bill supports workforce development, increases access to affordable higher education, and helps Maryland residents continue their education at our community colleges.

I dutifully urge the committee to give HB845 a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie M. Giordano', is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Julie M. Giordano
County Executive