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Appropriations Committee**

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TESTIMONY

**Submitted by
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House Bill 919 – Maryland Higher Education Commission – Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal (PAREA) Grant Program – Established

On behalf of Prince George's Community College, I write to express support for House Bill 919, which establishes the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal (PAREA) Grant Program to support individuals pursuing careers in the real estate appraisal field.

Prince George's Community College is committed to expanding access to education and career pathways that lead to economic mobility and workforce development across Maryland. Programs that provide financial assistance for career training and credential attainment help remove barriers for individuals seeking to enter high-demand professions. House Bill 919 would create a grant program administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to support individuals pursuing training through the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program, with the goal of addressing appraisal gaps in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities while also helping the appraisal profession.

Initiatives that support access to professional pathways such as real estate appraisal, help strengthen Maryland's workforce and expand opportunities for residents to enter stable and rewarding careers. House Bill 919 expands opportunities through workforce development and targeted educational support. By investing in programs that support career entry and advancement, this effort strengthens the workforce while creating pathways to economic mobility for individuals and families across Maryland.

Sincerely,

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