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Dear Senator Carozza,

On behalf of Wicomico County Public Schools, I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 728 and respectfully request that Maryland resident graduates of Delmar High School be considered eligible for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship. Delmar's bistate structure means many Maryland students attend Delmar Middle and High School in Delaware while remaining residents of Wicomico County. As a result, these Maryland graduates may not currently access the same instate last dollar support available to their peers attending school across the state line, despite comparable academic preparation and community ties.

Extending Promise Scholarship eligibility to Maryland resident Delmar High School graduates would directly benefit students and our region. It would lower financial barriers to earning workforce relevant credentials, increase first year college enrollment, and help students enter high demand local fields with marketable skills. In turn, this keeps more graduates learning, working, and contributing here at home, strengthening families and the broader Wicomico County economy. This adjustment would also bring greater parity for Maryland students who have progressed through a unique, shared educational ecosystem while remaining Maryland taxpayers and potential Maryland workers.

We value our strong partnership with the Delmar School District and appreciate your consideration of this request. Our team stands ready to provide additional data, context, or language to support any legislative or administrative pathway that would allow Maryland resident Delmar graduates to qualify for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship.

Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of students and families.

Sincerely,

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