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House Appropriations Committee

HB 526 Higher Education-Differential Tuition-Notification and Income Tax  
Subtraction Modification

Testimony by

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**Position:** Support

Differential tuition is a rapidly growing trend in which the cost of tuition varies from major to major. Sixty percent of public research universities base tuition prices on your major or year of study, as reported by Pew Charitable Trusts.

Maryland's sixteen community colleges do not engage in the practice of differential tuition. Published college tuition prices are expensive enough without having to absorb unforeseen tuition differential. Community college students transferring to Maryland public four-year institutions of higher education need assurances that their tuition rates are clear and accessible on the college's website.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this bill and thank you for all of your support and your efforts to improve Maryland's higher education institutional practices.

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