

House Bill 1428

Environment - Higher Education Facilities – Mold Hazards and Mold or Moisture Problems
House Appropriations Committee
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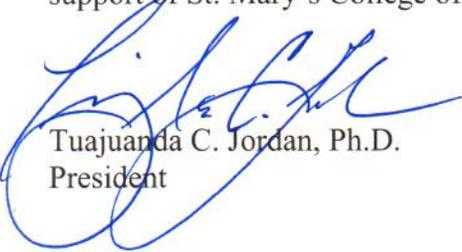
Chair McIntosh, Vice Chair Jackson, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on House Bill 1428 (Environment - Higher Education Facilities - Mold Hazards and Mold or Moisture Problems). This Bill aims to develop standards and requirements related to mold in higher education facilities, including inspections, evaluations, exposure limits, and remediation.

St. Mary's College cares greatly about ensuring the health and well-being of those on campus. The College already has mechanisms in place to address mold issues that may arise on campus based on best practices as established by the EPA's publication: [Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings](#). We currently follow these standards to identify, test, and mitigate mold whenever it is suspected to be present in campus buildings.

House Bill 1428 would result in unnecessary additional costs for the College. While the frequency and standards for inspections is unclear, the cost to inspect all buildings and spaces on campus is estimated to be \$128,000 per year. It is for these reasons that St. Mary's College opposes House Bill 1428.

Thank you for allowing us to share our concerns regarding House Bill 1428 and for your continued support of St. Mary's College of Maryland.



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