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Good afternoon Chair McIntosh, Vice-Chair Chang, and esteemed members of the House Appropriations Committee. I am here today to present **HB913**: **Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County – Collective Bargaining - Faculty.**

If enacted, this legislation would allow for all faculty members at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) to enter into collective bargaining. As it stands, only certain employees have the right to enter into collective bargaining at CCBC, this bill would simply expand the scope of provisions to allow faculty to enter into it as well.

Over the interim, I worked with Denise Riley from the American Federation of Teachers – Maryland to come up with the framework for this legislation, and I would like to thank Denise and AFT for their support. I also spoke with Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, President of CCBC, and she stated that she is not opposed to this legislation.

The fight for faculty to enter into collective bargaining at CCBC has been going on for quite some time now. Some of the adjunct professors we spoke to mentioned that they have been fighting this battle for a decade at this point. As an educator and union member myself, I know the importance of being able to enter into collective bargaining, and I believe we owe it to both the faculty and the CCBC institution to pass this legislation.

I would like to thank all of those who have submitted testimony, and I request a favorable report from the Appropriations Committee on HB913.