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BILL NO.: **HB 173**

TITLE: Community Colleges – State Funding – Revision

SPONSOR: Delegate Feldmark

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 27, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 173 – Community Colleges – State Funding – Revision. Under this proposed legislation, appropriations calculated under the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and appropriations for the Baltimore City Community College would require that a portion of the funds be designated for the general operation of four-year public institutions of higher education in the State.

This adjustment would provide much-needed support to Maryland’s community colleges, including the Community College of Baltimore County. Devoting a certain portion of funds to these institutions every year is a commitment to equitable access to education across the state. Additionally, strong higher education facilities often serve as the hub to economic and cultural centers within the community. The Community College of Baltimore County stands to benefit greatly by an adjustment to the formula.

As an alumnus of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), County Executive Olszewski has seen the positive impact of Baltimore County’s higher education firsthand. Our institutions deserve the funding they need to run, and our residents deserve an affordable higher education.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 173. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov.