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FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: S.B. 746 – EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGE –

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes S.B. 746 which is before you today for consideration. The proposed bill seeks to establish collective bargaining rights for certain community college employees. In addition, it would establish procedures for the selection and certification of an exclusive bargaining representative and would establish a cap on the number of bargaining units that may be within each community college.

With the budget cuts to community colleges and falling enrollment rates due to COVID – 19, it is ABC's position that this bill would add costs burden to employers, who typically pay for the training of their employees and for the students who self-pay for both college and training.

In addition, by implement collective bargaining by October 1, 2021, it would create an additional strain to an already tight state budget.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B. 746.

Marcus Jackson, Director Government Affairs