



HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

TESTIMONY

**Submitted by
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BILL: HB 443– Maryland Corps Program - Revisions
POSITION: Favorable

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), which represents Maryland's sixteen (16) community colleges, supports House Bill 443, and respectfully requests that the Committee issue a favorable report on this legislation.

The Maryland Corps Program, in conjunction with the AmeriCorps Program, incentivizes participation in meaningful social service and the participants' pursuit of higher education and employment-enhancing certifications. The Maryland Corps Program could help develop a more skilled and educated workforce, essential to Maryland's continued economic growth. The Program could also provide more equitable access to opportunity, which is required to address the social needs of all Maryland communities.

MACC supports the goals of this legislation and believes that a Maryland Corps Program can make a difference in the lives of program participants and the communities in which they live and serve.