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**Hagerstown Community College  
Senate Bill 795 – Increase of Cade Percentage Tie to 30%**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair  
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**Testimony Submitted by  
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Members of the Senate Budget and Tax Committee, thank you for accepting my testimony on Senate Bill 795. Hagerstown Community College is in support of this legislation.

The demands on community colleges have changed significantly since the inception of the Cade Formula. At the state and Federal level, reporting requirements and assessment of institutions have increased several fold. The requirements imposed on community colleges in this arena are the same as that imposed on universities, but community colleges have received no supplement to the increasing demands from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, or the U.S. Department of Education. The costs of compliance should not be borne by students in the form of higher tuition.

Since 1996, the very nature of our students have changed. The efforts that we spend on retention of students, intrusive advising, and career services (just to name a few) were nonexistent in 1996. Those efforts are needed, in demand, and are what is driving Maryland forward. Yet, heretofore the costs of those services have been internalized into the institution and met with ever increasing rates of tuition.

This legislation will take a major step towards remedying both of these issues. Senate Bill 795 recognizes that there are additional costs that have occurred since the inception of the Cade Formula, and it is timely for an adjustment to help meet those costs. Leaving the formula as is, and allowing annual appropriations to do the job, will not.

I regret that I cannot be present to meet with you today. However, should the Committee have any questions, I am happy to make myself available at a future date and time.

Yours truly,

Dr. James Klauber  
President