

Dear Delegates,

My name is Maddie McSally and I am a recent (May 2022) graduate of University of Maryland. I majored in Computer Science and played four years of varsity lacrosse. While I had what I describe as an incredible four years at college it certainly was made possible by years of tireless work by my father. It may seem like a bold statement, but I have never seen anyone work harder than my father did to provide for his family which includes me and my three siblings. All three of my younger siblings are currently in college.

I type this letter to you to make you aware that living off campus my junior and senior year was a decision that was not taken lightly. It was only after my father and I had several calls with MD529 and Intuition to ensure that my remaining earnings could and would be available for my rent expenses through a simple rollover. My father and I had several calls with 529 and a few times with Intuition on how to get reimbursed for my rent that he was willing to pay out of pocket for. When the time came, I submitted my rental receipts several times (once through the old format and twice once Intuition came into play). I followed the instructions exactly as they were laid out to us only to later be told that this money was no longer available to us.

As I embark on my career living in Boston, I understand just how expensive living arrangements, rent and insurance can be. I have watched my father who did everything right by working, saving and setting us up as we embark on our careers by not having the burden of school debt become incredibly stressed and frustrated. This hurts my heart. He worked tirelessly to set us up to embark on our own careers without the stress he is now experiencing. My father graciously paid out of pocket my rent for two years so I could live with my Maryland Lacrosse teammates. At this point despite reading endless communication from MD529 and countless phone calls to MCPT, I do not understand why the money that we were told would be available to us through our contract is now no longer the case.

It is with my sincerest request that you honor the contract that we opened in 2011 as well as what was communicated to us by several people involved in the program.

Sincerely,
Maddie McSally
Account Beneficiary
University Maryland - Class of 22
4 Year Varsity Lacrosse Player
Concerned Daughter