



**ALLEGANY COLLEGE**  
of MARYLAND  
FOUNDATION, INC.

March 3, 2023

Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

On behalf of the Allegany College of Maryland Foundation, I would like to express our favorable and strong support for Senate Bill 874, which would establish Community Safety Works as an ongoing program within the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Established as a budget initiative within the Department, Community Safety Works has already provided valuable assistance to nonprofit organizations, businesses and local governments through targeted investments in crime prevention that impact community safety.

Funding was received to install controlled entry door systems that provide needed security to the inhabitants of the Foundation/Advancement building. This system will monitor employees who come in and out of the building, and also track suspicious activity such as non-employees attempting to enter the building. This system may be utilized to deter crime, but also to provide a more safe and secure space for those within the building. With the increase in school shooting activity, as well as with the valuable and confidential data that is stored in the ACM Foundation/Advancement building, a controlled entry system provides the perfect combination to deter crime and to protect the valuable assets within the building itself. This project also supported the reconfiguration/renovation of the entry doors to ensure safety and ADA accessibility.

With continued funding, we would be eligible to apply for additional funds to ensure the continued safety of our campus and surrounding community and would be grateful for this additional investment.

Again, this is to request a favorable report on SB874 to continue this valuable program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [djones@allegany.edu](mailto:djones@allegany.edu) or 301-784-5200. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Foundation