

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 4 Higher Education - The Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program - Establishment**. I will now ask that my witness panel come join me.

The purpose of this bill is to Establish the Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program for students who are eligible to receive the maximum federal Pell Grant and are residents of counties participating in the Program or are graduates of high schools in participating counties to receive a scholarship to be used at historically Black colleges and universities. Additionally, it requires counties participating in the Program to provide an equal match to the State scholarship amount awarded under the Program to each recipient from that county.

(Closing)

Thank you to Chair Feldman and Vice Chair Kagan for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 4 Higher Education - The Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program - Establishment**