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February 26, 2023

The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

**RE: SB662 Higher Education-Appointment of Secretary and Student Financial Assistance-Alterations**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

On behalf of the Wor-Wic Community College Student Government Association and the students of Wor-Wic, I would be honored to express our definitive support of **SB662**. We believe this bill and the alterations thereof, will not only benefit the students and surrounding community of Wor-Wic, but the community colleges and the communities they serve all over the great state of Maryland.

- We believe each community college greatly understands the unique situations and needs of their students, and believe they are the most equipped for distributing Promise Scholarship funds to their prospective students.
- It is our unequivocal understanding that for community colleges to adequately serve their students, community members and stakeholders, the Promise Scholarship distribution must be decentralized for each community college to handle as they see fit, to allocate the funds where necessary.
- As we currently understand it, MHEC has unfortunately left one third of the Promise Scholarship money unspent, and it is our belief that this money could better serve our stakeholders and give opportunities to more prospective students across the state, if distributed by the colleges themselves.
- We enthusiastically support this bill and hope it can be passed for the benefit of students, and citizens of our beautiful state of Maryland.

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