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January 23, 2024

The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0081 – College of Southern Maryland - Budget

Senator Feldman:


The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County joins the College of Southern Maryland and writes to also **OPPOSE SB0081**, and ask the Committee for an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT**.

For background, prior to 2000, Charles County Community College served Calvert and St. Mary's counties under operational agreements. The law enacted in 2000 provided for one regional college serving three campuses with equal representation on the governing Board of Trustees. There are nine Trustees, three from each county appointed by the governor. That same legislation created three separate and independent operating budgets for each campus. In 2020 Laws of Maryland Ch. 393, supported by the College and the three counties, was passed unanimously in both Chambers. By that 2020 legislation the laws regarding the allocation of the College of Southern Maryland's budget was changed to a unified budget. Budget unification: 1) better serves the students, many of whom take classes on multiple campuses and online; and 2) allows greater flexibility and efficiencies in college operations.

The unified budget legislation passed in 2020 has worked as intended and is working well. We, therefore, join the College of Southern Maryland in opposing this SB0081, and ask the Committee for an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT**. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2201, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,  
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CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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cc: The Honorable Senator Michael Jackson  
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