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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0527- POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**Community Colleges - Contraception - Access Requirements**

**TO:** Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the House Appropriations Committee

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**My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill SB#/0527, Community Colleges - Contraception - Access Requirements**

As a senior student at Frederick Community College currently having earned three degrees from FCC over the last eight years I seen how the younger generation considers sexual activity.

I have sat in a lounge where three female students are using a social media app to select the person they will “hookup” with, have sexual relations with, in the coming weekend. I have heard conversations between couples planning their date that will end with sex. I have heard and seen that some of our youth behave irresponsibly in matters of sexual health and pregnancy prevention.

This bill recognizes that our post-secondary students may be considered adults but sometimes fail to act as adults making good decisions. The consequences of their misjudgment can have life changing effects as a result. If college is a way to help youth transition to adulthood this bill gives these students a way to recover from a situation that, if not properly remediated, will turn their lives upside-down. We can try and educate students to make proper choices, but we must acknowledge that not every student will agree or adopt that proper conduct. The bill also requires reports to be filed which can be shared with our Health Department to guide there decisions in this area.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill SB#/0527.**