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**SB 728 – Higher Education – Community College Promise Scholarship  
Eligibility – Delmar High School Graduates  
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza**

Thank you Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and members of the distinguished House Appropriations Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 728 – Higher Education – Community College Promise Scholarship as amended and ask for a favorable report. The House crossfile, House Bill 845 as amended, unanimously passed the House on March 21. The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee, and the full Senate unanimously approved SB 728.

This House Appropriations Committee amended HB 845 to include language related to the Francis Scott Key Transportation Workers Scholarship Program, including updating definitions and the eligibility for tuition reimbursements. I respectfully request favorable consideration of SB 728 as amended by the House Appropriations Committee.

SB 728 would allow students from Delmar, Maryland who attend and graduate from Delmar High School to be eligible for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship. The Delmar school district has two physical locations: Delmar Elementary School is in Delmar, Maryland and Delmar Middle and Senior High School, home of the Wildcats and Field Hockey State Champions for nine consecutive years, is in Delmar, Delaware. These Delmar, Maryland students are Maryland residents, yet as their local high school building is physically located in Delmar, Delaware, they are currently prevented from accessing the Promise Scholarship.

The Town of Delmar lies half in Maryland, and half in Delaware, as the state line runs down the middle of State Street. The town is named after the first syllables of Delaware and Maryland, Delmar, highlighting its bi-state culture. I am proud to represent a town with these unique circumstances which can sometimes lead to unique issues like this bill intends to address.

Maryland Delmar High School students should **not** be denied eligibility and opportunities to benefit from the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship due to the physical location of their high school located in Delmar, Delaware.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable and swift report on SB 728.