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**TESTIMONY OF SENATOR SHELLY HETTLEMAN**

**SB306 Education - Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County - Membership**

Composition of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) is based on the number of councilmanic districts: it currently consists of two from each district plus one at-large representative, for a total of 15, 50% more than any other state community college board. At fifteen, the Board of Trustees is already the largest in the state. If it were to grow naturally with the council's expansion, it would be 19, moving CCBC's Board even further out of alignment with peer institutions and state governance norms.

The Board of Community College Trustees has a central role to play in the efficiency and effectiveness of the CCBC which served nearly 50,000 students in FY 2025. Leadership, faculty, and staff are essential in empowering students to pursue their educational goals and aspirations.

Shifting to one trustee from each of the nine council districts, plus two at-large members, produces an 11-member Board consistent with the structure of other large Maryland jurisdictions, including Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties. This approach offers several advantages: improved functionality, smooth transition, enhanced representation and consistency with state practices.

SB306 is a necessary response to council expansion, and I urge a favorable report from the committee