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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chairman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Delegate Feldman and Committee:

Subject: Support for HB845-Higher Education-Student Financial Assistance-Alterations to Scholarship Program-Updated Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for, which would expand eligibility for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to include Maryland residents who graduate from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware.

Students who live in Delmar, Maryland often attend Delmar High School due to the unique interstate structure of the Delmar community and its school system. While these students are Maryland residents, they currently face barriers to accessing certain state higher education benefits because their high school is located just across the state line in Delaware.

HB845 corrects this inequity by ensuring that Maryland residents who attend Delmar High School are treated the same as other Maryland students when applying for the Community College Promise Scholarship. These students and their families pay Maryland taxes, contribute to Maryland communities, and deserve equal access to the educational opportunities the state provides.

This bill was amended to appropriately expand eligibility to surviving transportation workers and any child, stepchild, spouse or unmarried partners. As well as related definitions. I fully support this amendment.

By expanding eligibility, this bill supports workforce development, increases access to affordable higher education, and helps Maryland residents continue their education at our community colleges.

I dutifully urge the committee to give HB845 a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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