



March 11, 2026,

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

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee,

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) supports Senate Bill 430, the Informed Enrollment Act, sponsored by Senator Brooks. This legislation represents a critical step forward in ensuring transparency and financial literacy for students and families navigating the complexities of higher education in Maryland.

Senate Bill 430 would require Maryland colleges and universities to prominently display a link to the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard on their prospective student websites. By providing direct access to this federal resource, the bill ensures that students have clear, comparable, and data-driven information regarding essential outcomes, including:

- **Cost of Attendance:** Helping families plan for the true financial commitment of a degree.
- **Graduation Rates:** Providing a clear picture of institutional success in supporting students through completion.
- **Salary Outcomes:** Offering realistic expectations for post-graduation earnings.
- **Debt Outcomes:** Highlighting the potential financial burden students may face upon graduation.

Choosing a college is one of the most significant financial decisions a person will ever make. This bill would empower Maryland students to make "informed" decisions by mandating that this data be shared not just on websites, but also during recruitment events, orientations, and through academic advising. Furthermore, the bill is pragmatically designed by allowing institutions to use the existing data provided by the federal College Scorecard resource.

Transparency in higher education outcomes is essential for student success and the long-term economic health of our state. I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 430.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the citizens of Maryland.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S K Rai". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Secretary Rai