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House Ways & Means Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Favorable passage of HB1231

Dear Committee Members:

This testimony is written in support of favorable passage of House Bill 1231 providing dual credit students enrolled in homeschool or private school to receive the same funding benefits as all other Maryland students under the Blueprint. This bill applies solely to those students from Washington County.

At Hagerstown Community College, we have worked very closely with our K-12 partners to provide as many opportunities as possible under the Blueprint. Our dual credit enrollment has soared as parents have taken advantage of these early college offerings to students. We seek legislation to provide those same benefits to students and parents who choose homeschooling or private schools to educate their children.

Unfortunately, one size does not fit all when it comes to our children's education. Parents may select these alternative options because of special needs of the child, religious, cultural, or other factors that make these options in the best interest of the child. We are increasingly seeing students from immigrant families choose to homeschool their children. None of these children deserve to be left behind if public school is not the best option for them.

Delegate Wivell's legislation merely allows all students, regardless of school attended in Washington County, to have equality of opportunity in attending dual credit classes. I hope that you will give it favorable consideration and passage.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Klauber".

James S. Klauber, PhD  
President