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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0029- POSITION: FAVORABLE

County Boards of Education - Post College and Career Readiness Pathways - Payment of Costs

TO: Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0029, **County Boards of Education - Post College and Career Readiness Pathways - Payment of Costs**

This bill permits the targeting of aid for students to those who most need the financial assistance to pursue a productive career and future. It will accomplish this in Maryland despite Federal cutbacks in educational assistance. This will be facilitated by authorizing a county board of education to develop and establish income eligibility guidelines and procedures for payment of costs for a certain post college and career readiness (post-CCR) pathway, except that a county board must provide access to the post-CCR pathway at no cost to the student or student's parents or guardians if the student's family income is below 400% of the federal poverty level.

This plan is a component of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and is explained in the Post-CCR Pathways Flyer.¹

This bill describes a methodology for obtaining the results expected and limits that financial assistance to the population segments who most need that help to proceed with the plan.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0029.

¹ <https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DCCR/Post-CCR-Pathways-Flyer-a.pdf>