



February 24, 2014

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Chairman
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Norman H. Conway
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairmen,

County governments are proud to support Maryland's fifteen local community colleges. Community colleges serve an integral role in our long-term economic sustainability. They increase our accessibility to higher education and provide job training programs tailored to local economic growth. For these reasons, counties contribute significant funding to community colleges, regularly providing up to 40% of community college revenues.

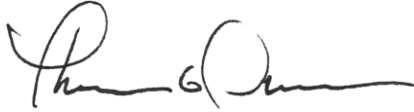
The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2014 includes a much-needed increase in community college funding. The proposal provides \$223 million to community colleges in fiscal year 2015. This amount is a 5% increase compared to fiscal year 2014 funding and delivers \$10.7 million more in direct aid. MACo appreciates the State's increased commitment to community colleges this year.

However, the General Assembly established the John A. Cade Funding Formula as the formula used for the distribution of funds to the community colleges in the State. If the Cade formula was applied this year, community colleges would have received \$4.6 million more from the State of Maryland. This is not a large sum of money, but for many community colleges, every dollar makes a difference.

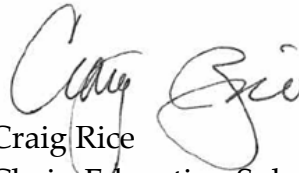
We encourage the General Assembly to consider restoring community college funding to the levels prescribed by the John A. Cade Funding Formula, within the confines of State budget

affordability. We look forward to working with the State to provide financial support to our community colleges. A strong partnership will further the important role of community colleges, strengthening our economy and improving our education system.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Duncan
President, MACo
Council Member, Talbot County



Craig Rice
Chair, Education Subcommittee, MACo
Council President, Montgomery County



Maryland Community Colleges Cade Distribution & Governor's Allocation: FY 2015

Cade Community Colleges

Institution	FY 2014 Direct Grant	FY 2015 Cade Allocation	FY 2015 Gov's Allocation	Cade Distribution		Gov's Allowance (BRFA)	
				FY 2014-2015	FY 2014-2015	FY 2014-2015	FY 2014-2015
				\$ Increase	% Increase	\$ Increase	% Increase
Allegany College of Maryland	\$ 4,773,622	\$ 4,974,229	\$ 4,872,898	\$ 200,607	4.2%	\$ 99,276	2.1%
Anne Arundel Community College	28,108,491	29,601,973	28,998,941	1,493,482	5.3%	890,450	3.2%
Community College of Baltimore County	37,412,630	39,800,798	38,990,003	2,388,168	6.4%	1,577,373	4.2%
Carroll Community College	7,119,211	7,644,271	7,488,547	525,060	7.4%	369,336	5.2%
Cecil College	4,940,228	5,326,189	5,217,687	385,961	7.8%	277,459	5.6%
College of Southern Maryland	12,088,571	13,391,427	13,118,626	1,302,856	10.8%	1,030,055	8.5%
Chesapeake College	6,134,108	6,206,086	6,134,108	71,978	1.2%	0	0.0%
Frederick Community College	8,839,215	9,198,201	9,010,822	358,986	4.1%	171,607	1.9%
Garrett College	2,497,547	2,649,475	2,595,501	151,928	6.1%	97,954	3.9%
Hagerstown Community College	7,365,785	7,950,103	7,788,149	584,318	7.9%	422,364	5.7%
Harford Community College	10,345,648	11,140,936	10,913,980	795,288	7.7%	568,332	5.5%
Howard Community College	14,073,508	15,618,320	15,300,154	1,544,812	11.0%	1,226,646	8.7%
Montgomery College	37,835,544	41,242,346	40,402,184	3,406,802	9.0%	2,566,640	6.8%
Prince George's Community College	24,412,142	26,257,083	25,722,191	1,844,941	7.6%	1,310,049	5.4%
Wor-Wic Community College	7,020,911	7,264,158	7,116,177	243,247	3.5%	95,266	1.4%
Cade Community College Total	\$ 212,967,162	\$ 228,265,595	\$ 223,669,968	\$ 15,298,433	7.2%	\$ 10,702,806	5.0%