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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 26 Partnership for Workforce Quality Program -- Alterations

Dear Senator Kelley:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Senate Bill 26 Partnership for Workforce Quality Program -- Alterations. Senate Bill 26 updates the statute governing the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program which provides matching grants to employers for workforce training. Specifically, the bill will allow training for new employees as well as incumbent employees and establishes limits of funding to certain employers.

This program is a vital tool for businesses in the State of Maryland – and the Marylanders they employ – in creating a well-trained workforce. With this alteration allowing funds to be used for training new hires, the program will incentivize employers to hire workers who would otherwise not be given the opportunity to advance their job specific skills. This will improve business competitiveness and worker productivity.

For these reasons, I support and respectfully urge the Senate Finance Committee to act favorably upon SB 26.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. A. Brown".

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cc: Senator Arthur Ellis, Maryland District 28
Delegate Edith Patterson, Maryland District 28
Delegate Debra Davis, Maryland District 28
Delegate C.T. Wilson, Maryland District 28
Reuben Collins, Charles County Commissioner President
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