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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Kelley:

I am writing in support of **Senate Bill 26, Partnership for Workforce Quality Program – Alterations** to expand the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and the eligible uses of grants under the Program to include training for new employees.

The proposed bill updates the Program to allow new employee training to be eligible for program reimbursements. As Caroline County businesses work to fill important positions within their career ladders, supporting their training efforts to build an educated and sustained workforce will help ensure prosperity for the workers and residents of Caroline County.

Expanding the Program for new employee training will help new and expanding business to choose Maryland over neighboring Virginia and Delaware. It also provides benefit for Maryland workers and job seekers.

Caroline County supports Senate Bill 26 and requests a favorable report from the Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Bowden".

Debbie Bowden  
Director