



**House Appropriations Committee
Testimony of
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HB 352 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act 2024
Unfavorable

On behalf of Montgomery College (MC) students, thank you for your support of Maryland's community colleges. Please continue your support by providing **full funding for community colleges and rejecting changes to the Cade funding formula outlined in this legislation.**

I serve as the president of the Student Government Association at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. I double major in biological sciences and biotechnology. I plan to transfer to earn my degrees and certification, then proceed to medical school. I aspire to pursue a career as a pediatric surgeon in Maryland.

Students need affordability. Without affordable tuition, many students who do not have financial assistance, such as me, would be unable to attend Montgomery College to acquire a degree, live up to their potential, and pursue their ambitions.

As the representative of students on MC's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, we urge you to continue to support funding for our college and reject the changes in this bill.

Thank you.