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The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen St  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB136 – College of Southern Maryland - Charles County Campus –  
Transition to Charles County Community College

Senator Pinsky:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes to **OPPOSE SB136**, as we understand the Commissioners from Charles and St. Mary's have as well. This Bill establishes the Charles County Community College and the Board of Community College Trustees for Charles County by transitioning the College of Southern Maryland's Charles County campus to the Charles County Community College. We believe the College of Southern Maryland has been successful at serving the educational needs of the residents of our region, partly because of the advantages it can leverage as a regional institution. The current regional model presents the best option for providing students from Charles County with access to quality higher education. With funding from each of our participating counties, the College is able to leverage resources for the benefit of all students and make course options available for all students across four campuses.

There are many factors that make this legislation extremely problematic, not least of which is the disruption that will occur from the unnecessary and unwarranted decoupling of this high-functioning resource. Thank you for the opportunity to present our **OPPOSITION** to **SB136**. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Steven R. Weems, Vice President

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