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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

Measure: HB5025

Dear Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education,

I am writing in support of HB 5025 to increase funding for CCSF and OOG. As a member of a community that is lucky enough to have a Community College the opportunity for local education is extremely valuable to our community at large. With the stressors of the last few years (COVID, inflation, lockdowns, social unrest, etc.) potential students have lost a lot of the resources they could have used to make the educational changes needed to be successful members of our communities. I strongly support increased funding under HB 5025 which will keep our Community Colleges whole in a time of unrest, and will ensure students have access to these resources.

Further, as community colleges weathered the storm of the last few years, the only way to keep moving forward was through competing for grants. Grants are a fabulous way to pilot programs. However, when they become a way to survive, focus is lost from an overall strong and resilient college into a siloed and overworked institution chasing dollars instead of chasing positive student outcomes.

A community (local or state) that does not have access to education and job training will not be competitive or able to grow. Please support increased funding of CCSF and OOG under HB 5025