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Dr. Emily Dow
Assistant Secretary for Higher Education
Maryland Higher Education Commission
6 North Liberty Street, 10th Floor
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RE: Baltimore City Community College Response to Cecil Community College Objection

Dear Assistant Secretary Dow:

Please accept this letter as a formal response from Baltimore City Community College’s (BCCC) to the objection submitted by Cecil College to BCCC’s proposed Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program in “Transportation Supply Chain Management.”

The proposed “Transportation Supply Chain Management” program at BCCC is designed to meet the unique needs of Baltimore City and our partnership with Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS). Data trends reflect that a minimal number of BCCC credit students indicated they were from Cecil County. Hence, there traditionally is no significant registration of Cecil County residents at the College (see data below). The majority of BCCC students remain in the area and are employed in the Baltimore region.

Semester	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018
Cecil County Residents	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	1

Source: BCCC Enrollment Information System files (“geographic origin” field). BCCC OIR – August 16, 2018

The BCCC “Transportation Supply Chain Management” program was specifically developed in direct response to the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program with BCPS. The P-TECH program at New Era Academy High School, with career pathways in Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) was developed in partnership with the Governor’s Office as well as business and industry leaders, including the Port Authority of Baltimore. The program is also given prominent mention (page 23) in the current 2017-2021 Maryland State Plan for Post-Secondary Education *“Increasing Student Success with Less Debt.”*



The New Era Academy P-TECH program requires dual enrollment of BCPS students leading to an AAS in transportation-related fields. These courses must be accessible to high school students are best served through school-based instruction, labs, and field experience. A fully on-line program does not meet the P-TECH requirements or the needs of these high school students. Baltimore P-TECH students are also required to have industry mentors from the Baltimore Port Authority and related companies in Baltimore.

In addition, there is no duplication of program given the content and design of these programs. The Cecil College program has a single focus on supply chain management from a business perspective. Most of the courses are offered through the business program and do not include specific courses by mode (e.g. Maritime Industries). Baltimore City Community College's program has a focus on the Port of Baltimore and Sea-going occupations. The Sea-going pathway is the primary focus of the current program and does not constitute any duplication of the Cecil Community College program.

Assistant Secretary Dow, we ask that you consider our response to the objection by Cecil College and permit the BCCC proposal in "Transportation Supply Chain Management" to move forward in the approval process. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonja L. Ringgold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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