



Testimony
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Good evening!

My name is Gloria Aparicio Blackwell. I am the chair of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees.

We are grateful that we can count on the Council to help the College deliver high quality learning spaces to fulfill its important role in our County.

As an alum, I truly know the value of your support. MC helped launch my future and now, I am here before you.

With you, MC's more than 45,000 students can seize opportunity through credentials of economic value—and, become the *homegrown* workforce our County needs to build a more prosperous community.

In fact, the \$100 million Leggett Building represents your commitment to unlocking the potential of every student.

We need your continued commitment to facilities that open doors to opportunity.

The College's FY 26 capital budget is a fiscally prudent request.

We need your help to maximize existing resources to advance key deferred maintenance projects.

Additionally, the Rockville Campus library is out of date and needs attention.

Please continue to help us move forward with a new student services center at the Germantown Campus.

And finally, we need to keep the Theatre Arts renovation and the East County Campus project moving forward.

Fortunately, we know we can count on you.

On behalf of Dr. Williams, the students, the Trustees and alumni like me, thank you.