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The Honorable Bill Ferguson  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
H-107 State House  
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The Honorable Adrienne Jones  
Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
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**Re: *Report on the Private Donation Incentive Program (PDIP)***  
Report #517

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones,

As stated in §17-306 of the Education Article:

“The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall:

(2) Submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly an annual report summarizing the total amount of funds pledged by eligible private donors and total amount of funds raised.”

The Private Donation Incentive Program (PDIP) was a program created in §17-301 of the Education Article that provided State-matching funds to promote private fundraising within Maryland’s public colleges and universities. This program ended on January 1, 2010 and has not been re-authorized.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Towers at 410-767-3059, or [lee.towers@maryland.gov](mailto:lee.towers@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder  
Secretary