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September 9, 2013

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re:** *Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational  
Excellence Award Program annual report  
#9425*

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with §18-310(b)(7) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) submits the required report.

As stated in §18-310(b)(7) of the Education Article,

“At the end of the fiscal year, the Commission shall prepare an annual report on the Fund that includes an accounting of all receipts to and from the Fund.”

The Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Award Program provides financial assistance to select Maryland residents attending accredited Maryland postsecondary institution. This program has 3 components: the Guaranteed Access Grant; the Educational Assistance Grant; and the Part-time Grant. All three components provide funds to those students demonstrating financial need.

Expenditures for the Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards totaled \$73,605,697 for the State Fiscal Year 2013. There were no receipts for this program above and beyond the state appropriation.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Towers, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-767-3059, or [ltowers@mhec.state.md.us](mailto:ltowers@mhec.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Higher Education