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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Press Inquiries

Montgomery College was contacted today by several news outlets requesting comment on a press conference planned for tomorrow by State Delegate Pat McDonough. The College has not yet received any information from Delegate McDonough's office and we are in the process of trying to obtain information through other channels. However, we expect this story to appear in the local news tonight and wanted you to be aware of the facts.

Through media contacts, our understanding is that Delegate McDonough plans to launch an investigation into Montgomery College for actions that he alleges violate state and federal laws regarding our policy of providing "in-state tuition benefits to illegal immigrants." He is also attacking the Montgomery County Executive for supporting Montgomery College's tuition policies.

Delegate McDonough represents Legislative District 7 (Baltimore and Harford Counties). He describes his platform as fighting "to make government more accountable, to stop subsidizing illegal aliens, keep taxes low, and reduce government waste."

This is Montgomery College's position on the issue.

- Under Maryland law, the Board of Trustees is authorized to set tuition rates.
- Montgomery College adheres to all laws and regulations regarding what we can submit for state aid.
- Montgomery College provides in-county tuition rates to all recent Montgomery County Public School graduates; however, we do not submit students for state aid who do not meet residency requirements.
- Students who have not graduated from an MCPS high school within the last three years must prove residency status to receive in-county or in-state tuition rates.

I just want you to have the facts about this issue in advance of local media reports. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of our students.