From: The President
To: MC Communications List
Subject: Response to Washington Post Column
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Dear Colleagues,

Since my communication last week, I have received e-mails from many of you sharing your own frustrations and passionate opinions about the column by David Levy in the March 25 Washington Post. Your reaction to my written piece also strengthened my resolve that responding to The Post was absolutely necessary to defend the hard-working faculty of this institution. Thank you for all you do to educate and support our students.

I am pleased to share that The Washington Post published an abbreviated version of my response in Saturday's paper. While I would have preferred the full response in the paper, a weekend placement will generate many more views than weekday placement.

In the days since the original opinion piece appeared, my disappointment has not waned, and this concern was the first priority on this week's video blog (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJpbkceJ29o). This same sentiment is shared by my community college colleagues across the state, as demonstrated by the Maryland Association of Community College posting The Post response on its Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/MDACC).

Again, I thank you for all you do and your efforts to empower our students to change their lives.

Be well,

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We empower our students to change their lives, and we enrich the life of our community. We are accountable for our results.