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TO:

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

From:

SENATOR WILLIAM BROWNSBERGER A. W.F.

DATE:

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RE:

S654, AN ACT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATES IN THE COMMONWEALTH

I am writing in support of S654, An Act regarding higher education opportunities for high school graduates in the Commonwealth.

The educational opportunities this bill would provide would allow this set of students to contribute more fully to their communities after graduation, which will strengthen the local economy. It has been shown that providing in-state tuition rates and financial aid actually results in increased income to the state over the long term.

I hope that the Committee will report \$654 favorably.