STATE OF MARYLAND

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Dear International Students,

On behalf of the State of Maryland, I extend my warmest welcome and deepest gratitude for choosing our great state as your desired destination for world class education, growth and development. You bring not only your own academic talents, but also your unique cultures, perspectives, and aspirations: elements that help strengthen our communities and enrich the lives of each and every one of us.

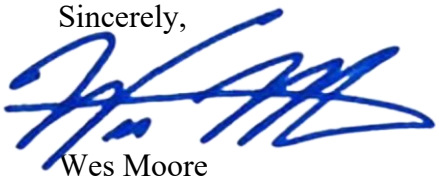
Maryland has long stood as a beacon of diversity, curiosity and understanding, a tradition starting with our religious tolerance and cultural openness that began with our founding almost 300 years ago. Those ideals are not just what we teach in our classrooms, but principles we uphold and strive to live by every day.

Every person from every nation, background, and religion should feel safe and at home in Maryland because only then can true learning, community, and opportunity flourish. Maryland is a place of hope for the future, and international students are a core part of that future.

Our state's many colleges and universities, of which you are a part, benefit every day from the contributions of students like you. Whether it is through research at our universities, interactions with businesses, and by simply making friendships with those around you, you are helping to lead our state to a brighter future.

I want each and every one of you to know that you are welcome here, you are a part of this community, and part of this place we call home. We are very proud that you choose to stand with us, and we look forward to seeing how you grow and write the next chapter of Maryland's story.

Sincerely,



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