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Dear Secretary Brinkley and Mr. Brennan:

I write to follow-up on several conversations that you have had with Chairman Maggie McIntosh, Subcommittee Chair Ben Barnes, and my staff regarding the ongoing lease payment issues at Maryland public colleges and universities.

Through no fault of their own, students and parents have been placed in the difficult position of having to fulfill contractual agreements for leases in state-subsidized buildings, when CDC regulations and even our own Governor has recommended social distancing and other public health precautions to protect Maryland residents during this pandemic.

My understanding this summer was that we were moving forward with providing some state financial relief and some university financial relief from each of the impacted universities to help alleviate a portion of the burden on these families. However, we have not heard any further information this fall.

Please let me know what more we can do quickly to help these families, as we approach the holiday season.

Thank you for your quick response to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrienne A. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the word "Jones".

Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker

Cc: The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
The Honorable Ben Barnes