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President Tuajuanda C. Jordan, PhD
St. Mary's College of Maryland
47645 College Drive
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Dear President Jordan,

It is an honor to recognize St. Mary's College of Maryland for the dedication of the Commemorative to the Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland. I am proud to live in and represent St. Mary's County, which has had such an important part in the history of our State and our country. With this comes the responsibility to preserve this history so it can be shared with future generations. St. Mary's College of Maryland has been a critical part of these preservation efforts and this work continues with the dedication of this Commemorative.

I am happy to see this project come to fruition, and I am confident that this immersive art experience will provide an opportunity for all who visit to take time to reflect and understand the history of the enslaved individuals who lived in St. Mary's County and the connection that they had with the land on which this Commemorative is built.

The best way to ensure that we are always moving forward is through acknowledging and understanding our history and learning from our past. I appreciate that St. Mary's College of Maryland is giving us this opportunity to understand and learn from the experiences of those who came before us and hope that this Commemorative will be able to provide a greater perspective of this history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey