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Dear Stakeholder:

I invite you to join our state-wide strategic visioning process, a comprehensive project designed to identify trends and issues affecting our society, state, and industries. It is important that we consider your voice. We want to hear directly from you as we recognize and value your perspective as leaders in your field.

Through examination of your feedback, we will build a stronger, more influential college and increase public understanding and perception of our collective work. We will also determine how we can best serve the State of Maryland and its citizens.

Please attend one of our four listening sessions across the state. Each has been selected to represent a distinct geographic region of Maryland.

March 16, 10am-1pm, Allegany College, Continuing Ed. Building, Rooms CE 12-17 March 30, 1-4pm, Howard County Fairgrounds, Dining Hall March 31, 9am-12pm, Chesapeake College, the Caroline Center April 4, 5:30-8:30pm, Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro, MD

The listening sessions will be led by Mitch Owen, our strategic planning consultant, and representatives of the Strategic Visioning Leadership team. The sessions offer you the unique opportunity to share your individual thoughts on trends, realities, and visions in an innovative and inclusive way.

The input you provide is an important step towards strengthening your land grant College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Register online at http://agnr.umd.edu/vision. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you very much for your willingness to engage in this project. We appreciate all of your support.

Regards,

Craig Beyrouty, Dean