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Dear Friends,

Thank you to our American Association of University Women (AAUW) for organizing this important annual convention. Since 1881, AAUW has served as a leading voice for promoting gender equality through research, education, and advocacy. Today, our Howard County Branch, committed to AAUW's mission, focuses

primarily on educational issues and professional development for women. Our strength is in our dedication to serving our neighbors in need, protecting the vulnerable, and advocating for justice for all.

The AAUW has partnerships with local colleges and collaborate with local businesses and legislators to promote programs that encourage women and girls' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). For many years, the AAUW has served the community by raising funds to provide over \$30,000 in scholarships to nontraditional women pursuing degrees at Howard Community College, primarily in STEM.

With a nationwide network of more than 170,000 members and supporters, AAUW has done tremendous work in providing opportunities to women and girls across the country as well as right here in Howard County. The Howard County branch has provided scholarships to Howard Community College students and financial assistance for young women at the college to attend the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). I am thrilled to see the opportunities that the AAUW have given to women throughout Howard County, certainly paving the way for many to be successful after college.

Congratulations to AAUW Maryland for organizing such a tremendous and impactful event. AAUW has helped aid our youth to long-term success through scholarships and financial assistance to young women throughout our county. Thank you to the members of the AAUW Maryland who have dedicated themselves to the service of others. Keep pushing, keep persevering, and keep serving. Our community thanks you for it.

Sincerely,

Calvin Ball Howard County Executive