

To begin I thought I would share my story. After graduating high school I chose to look for work. I had a few jobs but none lasted very long and none were really a good fit for me. Eventually, after attending Job Corps and some other jobs and training programs, I decided to attend college. The only problem is that I didn't know what I wanted to get a degree in. Through a course of events I landed in the Mechatronics program which I enjoy overall. The college has been helpful to me, I have received much support in a variety of ways which has led to me being very successful. I have had support to work through financial aid and to determine what path I should take. However, you probably noticed that I am neutral as regards this bill. My feelings have been divided. I have concerns regarding the way they operate. In some cases it seems like they say one thing and do another but part of this may just be due to the amount of work going on. There are times where it seems that too much is being done with too little time. Overall, I do feel that the college can be beneficial for people as I myself have felt cared for in multiple ways. My other conflict is that I do believe that there are other areas, like law enforcement and healthcare, that deserve a good chunk of the budget. At the same time community colleges do need some support to run in these times. This is another aspect of my conflict. Overall, I know that dealing with budgets is not always the most easy or pleasant task. I would just ask that the greatest discretion be used in making these decisions. Thank you for your time.