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To the Delaware Qualified Tuition Savings Board:

As requested, we are providing a written communication outlining recent discussions around the state fee component of the Delaware College Investment Plan program fee.

Per our contractual arrangements, program fee parity must be maintained among the 529 college savings plans managed by Fidelity. If the Plans Management Board is interested in foregoing its state fee component of the program fee, there may be some potential alternative options available to achieve this goal. Some examples of those options are as follows:

- Using the fee on a local marketing campaign for the Delaware College Investment Plan
- Using the fee to fund a scholarship program for Delaware residents
- Using the fee to establish a 529 contribution matching program for Delaware College Investment Plan account owners

As you're aware, the feasibility of these or any other proposed options depends on whether your authorizing legislation and/or trust documentation permits and/or imposes any restrictions on the use of these funds for such purposes, and we defer to your legal counsel to make those determinations. If the Board would like to pursue one of these options, we would be happy to work with you to review the operational logistics involved.

If you have any further questions regarding this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Delaware State Treasurer's Office