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Chair
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Rex W. Cowdry, M.D.
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Dr. Moon and Dr. Cowdry:

We are writing this letter to state our support for Adventist HealthCare's proposal to develop a hospital and full service medical campus in Clarksburg. We submitted letters of support with the Adventist HealthCare Certificate of Need application and wanted to reiterate our support for this project as it moves more formally into a comparative review with an alternative proposal by Holy Cross Hospital.

The Adventist HealthCare/Clarksburg proposal has been developed with significant community awareness and involvement. It is located in an area without existing health care services, includes a hospital as the centerpiece of a comprehensive medical campus, has easy access right off I-270, blends well with existing health care and community services, and already has major land use and environmental approvals in place.

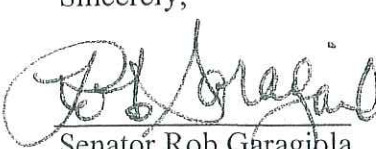
In addition to providing health care services for the upcounty community, the Adventist HealthCare/Clarksburg proposal will provide jobs in an area of the I-270 corridor where smart growth land use planning has indicated the importance of having jobs close to where people live.


We are concerned about the impact the Holy Cross/Germantown proposal would have on the nearby Germantown Emergency Center. The Clarksburg proposal, combined with the continued operation of

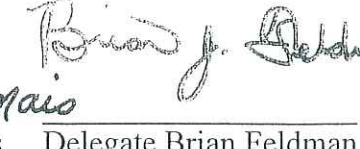
the Germantown Emergency Center, provides a well coordinated array of services for our upcounty constituents.

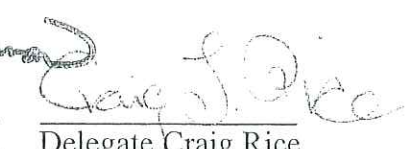
We respect the State regulatory process and appreciate the opportunity to express these comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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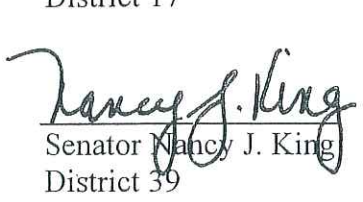

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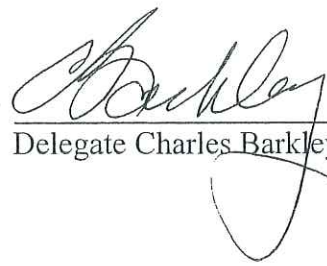

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