



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Derrick Leon Davis
Council Member, District 6

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Maryland Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 324 - Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016

Dear Governor Hogan:

I write on behalf of the Prince George's County Council and our approximately 900,000 resident to strongly urge you to support SB 324 – Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016 by signing this important legislation into law, which will provide access to the highest quality of health care for our citizens.

This legislation will provide access to quality health care, health promotion and disease prevention, which are priority concerns for the Prince George's County Council and the residents we represent. It also speaks to the commitment to continue to make Maryland an attractive commercial destination. In addition to helping to reduce health disparities in the region, the new facility and the transit-oriented development that will accompany it will positively affect the State and County's fiscal health by creating jobs, expanding the commercial tax base in the County, and ultimately ending the years long dependency of the existing facilities on taxpayer subsidies. Utilizing the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center as a hub for ancillary economic development is a tangible benefit for all Marylanders. We believe this is a collective win for the State of Maryland and those we serve.

The Maryland General Assembly's legislative actions offer a commitment to the critical funding necessary for Prince George's County and the State of Maryland to maintain our joint commitment to address the healthcare needs of our residents, enabling the transition from the Dimensions Healthcare System to the University of Maryland Medical System and the construction of the new \$650 million Prince George's County Regional Medical Center in Largo, MD.

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The funds that SB 324 provide are vital to continue the movement forward for this very important project in Prince George's County. As you are aware, these transitional funds will be used to help the current Prince George's Hospital Center operate while the State considers a Certificate of Need (CON) for the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center. The maintenance of the Prince George's Hospital Center and other Dimensions Health Care System facilities is a requirement for the CON. Without the funding provided in this bill, the entire project would be in jeopardy, and would serve as a devastating blow to our County, and the region.

The Prince George's County Council, which sits as the County's Board of Health, joins County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, in thanking the Maryland General Assembly for passage of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016.

We are proud to share your commitment of ensuring the absolute best for all Marylanders. And we thank you for your support.

Respectfully,



Derrick L. Davis
Council Chairman
Prince George's County

cc:

Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

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