

The Hon. Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation
James Senate Office Building, Room 121
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Jolene Ivey, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **SB 171 – Capital Budget – Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center
Funding Restoration**

Dear Senator Peters & Delegate Ivey:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George’s County Council, to transmit this letter on the above legislation before the General Assembly.

With the signing of the historic 2011 Memorandum of Understanding for a new regional medical center in Prince George’s County by the State of Maryland, Prince George’s County, and the University of Maryland Medical System, we all seek to ensure that the timing of the shared funding commitment for design and construction is structured for the success of the project, as evidenced by the Governor’s proposed \$30 million capital allocation in the FY 2015 budget for the existing health care system in the County. We understand that the allocation was reduced to \$15 million in the Senate approved Capital Budget but is continued at \$30 million in the Appropriation Committee adopted report. We strongly urge, as the County Executive does, that the capital commitment be maintained at the \$30 million amount when further considered by the House and Senate so as to not delay the project from moving forward.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 952-3820. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council’s comments.

Sincerely,

Mel Franklin
Chairman

cc: Hon. Martin O'Malley, Governor
Hon. Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor
Hon. Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair, Senate Budget & Tax Committee
Hon. Norman H. Conway, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive
Ms. Lisa L. Jackson, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs