



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Council Member, District 6

The Hon. Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
Senate President
State House, H-107
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: FUNDING – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The budget provided by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan last week has caused significant issues for the Prince George's County Council. The proposed \$42.3 billion budget does not include the agreed upon \$15 million for the new Regional Medical Center in Prince George's County. Two years ago, the Prince George's County Government, the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), and then-Governor Martin O'Malley reached an agreement to make the new Regional Medical Center a reality. So far, Governor Hogan has not included the operating funds to finance the transition to UMMS control in his budget.

The funds in question are critical to continue the movement forward for this very important project in Prince George's County. These transitional funds would be used to help the current Prince George's Hospital Center operate while the state considers a Certificate of Need (CON) for the new Regional Medical Center. The maintenance of the Prince George's Hospital Center and other Dimensions Health Care System facilities is a requirement for that certificate of need. Without the \$15 million it will be difficult to be approved for the CON and would put the entire Regional Medical Center project in jeopardy.

Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael E. Busch have gone on record to suggest that if the Governor does not include the proper funding in the supplemental budget, that they would submit legislation to mandate the funds for two years. The Prince George's County Council agrees with this position. All of the other parties have agreed and committed to the new \$650 million, 231-bed hospital and it is time that the Governor responds in kind.

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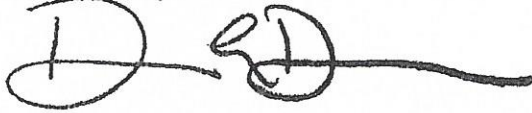
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The Prince George’s County Council supports the full funding of the Prince George’s Regional Medical Center in the Maryland General Assembly and requests your additional support on this effort.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D L Davis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derrick L. Davis
Chairman
Prince George’s County Council

cc:

Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Maryland Governor
Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford, Maryland Lt. Governor
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