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Senator Clarence K. Lam, Senate Delegation Chair  
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Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, House Delegation Chair  
Howard County Delegation  
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6 Bladen Street  
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**Re: TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT:** Ho. Co. 33-20 – Howard County Living in Recovery Expansion

Dear Senate Chair Lam and House Chair Atterbeary,

I am proud to express my support for Ho. Co. 33-20, which would establish funding for Living in Recovery Inc. to assist with the down payment on a new safe and affordable living quarters for 18 residents recovering from substance use disorder (SUD).

Living in Recovery Inc. has provided recovery housing in Howard County to more than 200 individuals since its inception in 2010. Living in Recovery maintains two homes for men and one house for women. Staffed by certified professionals, these facilities work to prevent drug and alcohol abuse relapses by creating a caring environment centered around peer support and accountability. Personal Recovery Plans allow residents to transition to independent living, and most only need to stay between 6 and 12 months. The Delegations support for this bond initiative will allow Living in Recovery to provide high quality housing and support services to 18 additional residents who are committed to their recovery and prevent relapse.

*U.S. News & World Report* recently named Howard County one of the healthiest counties in the nation, in part, because of our holistic approach to public health. In my Administration's FY2020 budget, we funded an innovative public-private partnership to pilot Howard House, a full residential SUD treatment center. We also invested in construction funding for Sheppard Pratt's outpatient, medical, mental health and substance abuse disorder facility. Additionally, Howard County's Health Department provides opioid overdose response (Narcan) trainings twice a month and Grassroots Crisis Center offers substance use walk-in services seven days a week. Living in Recovery is a key partner in this effort to help those seeking substance use disorder treatment achieve long-term recovery.

To further care for the residents of our County, I urge your support for Ho. Co. 31-20.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball  
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