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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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**Re: TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT:** Ho. Co. 37-20 – Howard County Enhancing Developmental Disability Services by Remodeling Gerwig

Dear Chair Lam and Chair Atterbeary,

I am proud to express my support for Ho. Co. 37-20, which would provide funding to Humanim, Inc. to rehabilitate the Gerwig facility which houses its Developmental Disability Services Division in Howard County.

Humanim provides over 40 programs for individuals with disabilities and socioeconomic challenges designed to build pathways to economic equity, opportunity, and independence. Their developmental disability services include community integration support, employment assistance, residential and in-home support, personal and behavioral support, and transportation services. Funding this bond initiative will allow for the rehabilitation of the Gerwig facility and create a more user-friendly space and improve functionality. When the renovation is complete, individuals with disabilities will have better access to community integration programming such as volunteer opportunities and life skills instruction.

Approximately 21,801 (7.2%) of Howard County residents have a disability. My administration has worked to improve disability services, support best practices and remove barriers to inclusion for persons with disabilities in order to improve their quality of life. I applaud Humanim's continued efforts to support the developmental disability community and the staff who serve them.

I urge your support for Ho. Co. 37-20.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball  
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