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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. 14-20 – The Arc of Howard County Roof Restoration

Dear Chair Lam and Chair Atterbeary,

I am proud to express my support for Ho. Co. 14-20, which would establish funding for The Arc of Howard County, Inc. to renovate its Homewood office's existing aging roof.

The Arc of Howard County was founded in 1961 and provides multiple services to over 300 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc's staff and volunteers deliver programs and services such as employment assistance, respite care, and day programs through the Homewood building located on Homewood Road in Ellicott City. This funding will support the replacement of the building's existing roof with an energy-efficient roof that extends the buildings operational use at least 15 years. The Arc provides critical services to our community and these renovations will enable them to safely and securely continue their agencies mission and goals.

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 will continue to support the full inclusion of our neighbors with intellectual and development disabilities in addition to promoting environmental sustainability.

I urge your support for Ho. Co. 14-20.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball  
Howard County Executive