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Maryland Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee
Senator Craig Zucker, Chair
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21041

Maryland House of Delegates Capital Budget Subcommittee
Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair
Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21041

Dear Chair Zucker and Chair Barnes,

I'm writing in support of the Maryland University of Integrative Health's (MUIH) grant request to the Maryland General Assembly submitted on January 21, 2021. This community-based institution has called Howard County home for nearly 50 years serving as a steady partner to many local government agencies. I believe their desire to build a new Whole-Person Health and Wellness Center will bring critical preventative health resources to residents throughout the region and state.

We are excited about MUIH's plan to grow its health delivery model, which includes increasing its presence in the community through the new center. Howard County is proud to be home to many renowned healthcare facilities, such as Howard County General Hospital and Sheppard Pratt's new Baltimore Washington Campus in Elkridge.

We work together with these entities to ensure that we are meeting the health needs of all residents and getting to the root cause of many health-related conditions. MUIH's plans for the center is in full alignment with these goals. The educational opportunities the center presents are an added benefit to the county and state both for the jobs it will create and the resource it will serve to our other higher education institutions.

I am confident that the new Center will make MUIH's health services more accessible to our community while fostering a culture of health and opportunity for all. Your partnership and financial support will help ensure the full vision for this building is achieved. Again, I greatly appreciate your partnership and consideration of MUIH's grant request.

Sincerely,

Calvin Ball
County Executive

Attachment

Cc: Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Howard County Delegation