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May 20, 2014

Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
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Re: Certificate of Need Application for Washington Adventist Hospital

Dear Mr. Steffen,

I write to offer my support of Washington Adventist Hospital's (WAH) planned relocation to White Oak, while continuing to offer health-care services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

For more than a century, WAH has been a leader in serving a diverse group of Maryland residents who need access to quality health care, while also contributing significantly to the larger community. The proposal WAH submitted continues this tradition by expanding needed services and providing greater access for residents of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. A relocated hospital in White Oak, along with the robust outpatient services in Takoma Park, will ensure that WAH is able to continue to meet its mission of serving the current and future health needs of these growing populations.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor



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October 3, 2013

Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
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Re: Certificate of Need Application for Washington Adventist Hospital

Dear Mr. Steffen:

I am writing to express my support for the Certificate of Need application filed by Washington Adventist Hospital to relocate to White Oak while continuing to offer healthcare services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

Washington Adventist Hospital has served the people of Maryland for over a century. It has provided critical healthcare services to our communities and as a regional leader in uncompensated care, the hospital has provided quality, affordable services to some of our state's most vulnerable residents.

Sustaining this level of success and quality of care for all of our residents requires a modern, 21st-Century facility. Unfortunately, Adventist faces a number of challenges in achieving this level of modernization on its current campus. The Takoma Park location is not easily accessible to transit, parking is difficult and often unavailable, and the age of the facility makes it difficult to be effectively redeveloped.


Given these obstacles, building an entirely new campus is the best way for Adventist to serve their patients and community. The new location – in White Oak – is accessible by public transportation and is close to a number of major roads. This will enhance access for both ambulances and the surrounding community. In addition, it is my understanding that Washington Adventist Hospital has engaged with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in a research partnership; the proximity of the new facility to the FDA will strengthen that partnership.

Ben Steffen
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Washington Adventist Hospital will continue to provide high-quality healthcare services at its current location in Takoma Park, which will be home to a number of programs that will benefit the community, including Adventist Behavioral Health, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, and a number of clinics and outpatient services.

Approving Washington Adventist Hospital's application for a Certificate of Need is an important step in ensuring all of Maryland's citizens have access to the care they need and deserve. I ask that you favorably consider their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AGB Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anthony G. Brown

AGB/bmw

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September 27, 2013

Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my support for Washington Adventist Hospital's proposal to relocate to the White Oak area of Maryland.

Washington Adventist has provided high-quality healthcare services, including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, cancer care and maternity care, to a diverse population for years. However, due to the aging facilities in Takoma Park, the hospital's future is no longer viable at its current site.

The proposed location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The partnership that Washington Adventist Hospital has engaged in with the FDA is articulated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties and has the potential to create new areas of medical research and discovery.

Washington Adventist Hospital has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our residents and to improving access to health care for all. It is my hope that they will continue this strong commitment in a new location in the eastern part of Montgomery County.

I ask that you give the Certificate of Need application of Washington Adventist Hospital every appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress

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MICHAEL E. BUSCH
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November 15, 2013

Mr. Ben Steffen
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Re: Certificate of Need Application for Washington Adventist Hospital

Dear Mr. Steffen:


I write in support of the recent Certificate of Need (CON) application filed by Washington Adventist Hospital to relocate to White Oak, while keeping healthcare services on the hospital's current campus in Takoma Park.

Washington Adventist Hospital has been an important piece in the healthcare delivery system for the Washington Metropolitan Area and, in turn the State, through the delivery of cardiac, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical, rehabilitation and other services. My understanding is the continued success of the hospital depends on allowing it to move to a modern and accessible location.

In addition to the new campus, Washington Adventist Hospital will continue to provide high-quality healthcare services in Takoma Park, where it is currently located. By offering important services in Takoma Park, including a maternity and women's clinic, outpatient clinics, a federally qualified health center and other services, we can ensure that this community can still access care in a familiar location.

I know the Commission will engage in a thorough vetting of the Washington Adventist Hospital CON application and I appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,


Michael E. Busch
Speaker



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

September 10, 2013

Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President
Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer:

I am writing as County Executive of Montgomery County to express in the strongest terms possible my full support of Washington Adventist Hospital's (WAH's) relocation to White Oak while continuing to offer healthcare services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

WAH has been in our community for over a century. The hospital provides high-quality healthcare services to the insured, underinsured, and uninsured and is a regional leader in providing charity care to those who need it most.

The residents of Montgomery County benefit from WAH's critical healthcare services including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, rehabilitation care, cancer care, maternity care, and many other services. WAH has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our residents and to improving access to health care for all.

The location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The partnership that WAH has engaged in with the FDA articulated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties. With a new hospital in close proximity to the FDA, the partnership will open up new areas of medical research and discovery. The new hospital is an important part of the East County Center for Science and Technology and the East County Science Master Plan. These Plans create tremendous opportunities for eastern Montgomery County to become a gateway for that which is steadily becoming the foundation for our economic future – biotechnology and life sciences.

I also appreciate WAH's commitment to continuing to provide high-quality healthcare services at its current location in Takoma Park. Ensuring that the Takoma Park campus continues to serve the population adjacent to that site is vital.

I proudly support your proposal to relocate the hospital to White Oak and look forward to working with you to make the plan a reality.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
County Executive



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

September 20, 2013

Joyce Newmyer
President, Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Council, my colleagues and I are sending this letter in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to the White Oak area of Montgomery County. Washington Adventist Hospital faces many challenges with modernizing their current facility and the community would greatly benefit from a 21st century hospital in White Oak.

Washington Adventist Hospital is a valued and respected health care facility that provides many different services and community benefits to residents in Montgomery County. A new hospital in White Oak will be a benefit to our residents because it will add accessibility, modern technology and the comfort and benefits of a brand new facility. In addition, your commitment to repurposing the current Takoma Park site to provide an array of healthcare services that will help Washington Adventist serve multiple communities in the eastern part of the county.

Locating Washington Adventist Hospital in White Oak is a good fit for the county's economic development and land use goals. The new campus will not only be accessible by public transportation, but will also be located off of major highways, which will improve emergency vehicle access. The County Council appreciates your efforts to work with us and the community in a manner that is consistent and true to the larger land use goals of the county.

The County Council is committed to expanding its life science assets, academic institutions and educated workforce into critical markets. The White Oak and Route 29 corridor redevelopment efforts are prime examples of areas that will shape the future of Montgomery County. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) campus location in our county presents a truly unique economic opportunity for Montgomery County to be the gateway for food, drugs, and medical devices. The Washington Adventist Hospital relocation is a key component to realizing the potential of the area around the FDA in White Oak.

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Washington Adventist Hospital has over a century of history as a leader in ensuring access to care for all and is a vital asset to Montgomery County and the region. We support your proposal to relocate the hospital to White Oak and look forward to working with you to make the plan a reality.

Sincerely,



Nancy Navarro
Council President



Phil Andrews
Councilmember



Roger Berliner
Councilmember



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Councilmember



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Councilmember



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Councilmember



Hans Riemer
Councilmember



September 16, 2013

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

On behalf of the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB), I am sending this letter in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's (WAH) Certificate of Need application with the Maryland Health Care Commission to relocate its hospital to White Oak and to allow use of its Takoma Park campus to provide education, health and wellbeing. The hospital's medical campus relocation to East County has produced incredible support from individuals and organizations in our community. East County residents have repeatedly voiced their desire to have local access to advanced specialty services, comprehensive medical/surgical and emergency room services, and a need for a full-service hospital supporting efficient emergency transport times. For well over 100 years, WAH provided comprehensive high quality and critical health care related services to everyone in the community- the insured, uninsured and underinsured.

East County residents see this project as beneficial to the entire region and contributing to the economic growth of East County and beyond. We are encouraged by the hospital's current and long term vision for improving access to quality health care, setting higher standards for greater community engagement and overall community development.

Relocating Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak will greatly enhance the County's planned world class Life Science, Education and Research Village development initiative in partnership with Percontee in the region. Also, the relocated facility will be strategically situated near the consolidated headquarters of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which continues to grow in many aspects with increasing benefits to the region. The partnership between WAH, the FDA and the Life Science Village will open new areas of medical research, discovery, funding, and cooperation that are critically important for protecting and promoting public health, innovation, and creating synergistic economic development. The entire region will benefit from this important affiliation.

ECCAB welcomes Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation plan and hope you will approve the Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

Peter Myo Khin
Chair, East County Citizens Advisory Board

cc: County Council members

SENATOR JAMIE RASKIN



DELEGATE SHEILA ELLIS HIXSON
DELEGATE TOM HUCKER
DELEGATE HEATHER R. MIZEUR

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
20TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

September 11, 2013

Joyce Newmyer
President, Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

RE: Washington Adventist Hospital Proposed Relocation to White Oak

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

The District 20 Delegation – representing Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Colesville, and White Oak in Montgomery County – is pleased to express its strong support of Washington Adventist Hospital’s plan to relocate to an expansive modern facility in White Oak.

The District 20 community comprises diverse constituencies with different health care needs. For over a century, Washington Adventist Hospital has demonstrated its commitment and ability to meet these many different and often serious needs. At the same time, we know that your hospital faces major challenges at its current location that must be addressed to ensure the long-term viability and effectiveness of your hospital’s health care delivery systems. The campus is currently located in the middle of a dense residential area, which restricts access, maneuverability and growth. However beloved, the current facility is also aging and inefficient for a full-fledged 21st-Century hospital.

Relocating the hospital to White Oak will solve many of the existing problems, and continuing to provide services in Takoma Park will work to meet the health care needs of our communities into the future. The new hospital’s close proximity to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) affords the opportunity for significant partnerships and interaction.

The hospital has had a long-term presence in Takoma Park and has become a meaningful asset in the community. We appreciate and strongly support the hospital’s plan to maintain various services on the Takoma Park campus into the future. The Takoma Park campus will feature a physician walk-in clinic, a federally qualified healthcare center, inpatient rehabilitation care, inpatient/outpatient behavioral health services, maternity care, and other healthcare services. We commend you on your efforts to ensure that the health-care needs of Takoma Park are met and for working with the community to address those needs even as you transition to the larger facility.


Your proposed relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital from Takoma Park to White Oak is clearly necessary to continue to carry out Adventist HealthCare’s mission, which continues to provide a significant benefit to our community. Thank you for your commitment to maintaining and expanding your presence in both Silver Spring and Takoma Park.

Please let us know if we can be helpful to your efforts.

All the best,


Jamie Raskin


Tom Hucker


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JEFF WALDSTRECHER

State Representative
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September 13, 2013

Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President
Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer:

I am writing to share my strong support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak. The hospital is an important part of the local community and cares for many of my constituents in the greater Silver Spring area. Our community would benefit greatly from a modernized hospital in White Oak, particularly if certain basic healthcare services are retained at the existing hospital site in Takoma Park.

Washington Adventist Hospital provides crucial services to our community but its aging facility is challenging to expand and modernize. To remain viable in the future, the hospital must be allowed to move to White Oak. Members of our community, regardless of income, insurance coverage, or immigration status, deserve access to the quality care that only a modern health-care facility can provide.

The new hospital site is adjacent to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in White Oak. The hospital and FDA have already signed a Memorandum of Understanding and have begun a partnership to test medical devices and equipment in a real-world setting. This partnership is unique to our region and is an excellent example of utilization of our regional assets. As the FDA continues to expand, the new hospital opens, and other proposed development begins, White Oak will become a destination for the medical community, spurring greater economic development opportunities in Montgomery County.

I strongly support Washington Adventist Hospital's plans for a new state-of-the-art White Oak facility and I encourage you to move those plans from vision to reality. Please keep me informed on the status of the White Oak relocation. Thank you in advance for considering my views on this vital project.

Sincerely,
Handwritten signature of Jeff Waldstrecher in black ink.

Delegate Jeff Waldstrecher



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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September 2, 2013

Joyce Newmyer
President, Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear President Newmyer,

We write to express our support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital from its current site in Takoma Park to a site near White Oak along the southern border of our legislative district. Washington Adventist Hospital is an important part of the community and the hospital's long term viability is essential for the residents in eastern Montgomery County.

The community is looking forward to having Washington Adventist Hospital come to White Oak. The population in our district is increasing, which creates new demands for healthcare. A modernized facility in White Oak will go a long way to providing high-quality healthcare to our constituents. In addition, several neighborhoods in White Oak, just to the south of the proposed hospital site, and in Fairland and Briggs-Chaney, to the north, have significant populations living in poverty and with inadequate health care. We believe that the proposed new Washington Adventist Hospital site will serve as a linchpin for efforts to address these unmet needs and reduce health disparities in the east county region.

Throughout the process of proposing the relocation, Washington Adventist has met with many community groups and gathered feedback to their new proposal. In addition to the services the hospital will offer in White Oak, the hospital has made a commitment to retain various services at their current hospital site. This demonstrates Washington Adventist Hospital's commitment to ensuring access to care for their current neighbors in Takoma Park.

It is also worth highlighting the location of the new hospital near the FDA campus. The close proximity will help make White Oak a center for innovation in the field of medical technology.

We encourage the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation.

Sincerely,

Karen Montgomery
Senator, District 14

Anne Kaiser
Delegate, District 14

Eric Luedtke
Delegate, District 14

Craig Zucker
Delegate, District 14

The Maryland House of Delegates

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

November 12, 2013

Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen,

I want to offer my support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital, and urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve the hospital's Certificate of Need application.

There are a number of challenges the hospital faces at its current campus. The campus is crowded, the campus and immediate area lack adequate physician offices and outpatient facilities, the hospital facility is old and there are major access challenges.

Washington Adventist Hospital will be a better, stronger and more accessible hospital in its new location which is important for the health-care infrastructure of the entire region. The new campus is convenient to major roads and will have all the necessary resources to meet the health-care needs of our communities now and well into the future.

Washington Adventist Hospital is dedicated to providing everyone – regardless of their ability to pay – high-quality health care. In 2009, Washington Adventist Hospital provided \$25 million in charity care, bringing their total community benefit to more than \$33 million – ranking them among the top 5 hospitals in Maryland for community benefit. In 2010, the hospital's community benefit increased to more than \$36 million.

The plan for the relocated hospital in White Oak and the continued use of their Takoma Park current campus will allow Washington Adventist Hospital to continue providing these vital levels of charity care and community benefit to our region.

I enthusiastically support Washington Adventist Hospital's CON application and believe the relocated hospital, with its 21st century facility and integrated medical campus, combined with the continued use of the Takoma Park campus for health and community services, is a project that should be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
District 21
Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties

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October 29, 2013

Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Dear Mr. Steffen:

The Montgomery County Delegation supports Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to White Oak while continuing to offer healthcare services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

Today, Washington Adventist Hospital provides a wide array of healthcare services to Montgomery County residents including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, rehabilitation care, cancer care, maternity care, and many other services. The hospital serves a diverse population and provides high quality healthcare services to its patients. The continued success of the hospital depends on its ability to modernize its services as proposed in Washington Adventist Hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application.

The current campus is over a century old and faces many challenges to modernization; the aging facility cannot effectively be redeveloped. The parking is difficult and often unavailable, and it is not transit-accessible. The new location in White Oak is off of major interconnecting roads and transit accessible, enhancing access for ambulances and the communities the hospital serves. In addition, unlike the current location, the new facility will give patients access to modern healthcare amenities.

The location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Washington Adventist Hospital has engaged with the FDA in a partnership articulated in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will open up new areas of research in Maryland.

The Montgomery County Delegation supports Washington Adventist Hospital's certificate of need application to relocate the hospital to White Oak and asks that you approve their CON application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Kaiser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne R. Kaiser

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
16TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
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October 23, 2013

Mr. Michael J. (Ben) Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
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Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen:

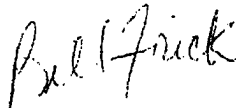
As members of the House of Delegates, representing Legislative District 16, we offer our strong support for Washington Adventist Hospital's Certificate of Need application to relocate their facility to the White Oak section of Montgomery County. The hospital is an important part of our region's healthcare services, and we are pleased to learn that the hospital will continue to provide high quality healthcare for the community with clinics and outpatient services at its Takoma Park location.

Washington Adventist Hospital has served the community for over a century but now faces a number of challenges to provide high quality healthcare in an aging facility. They have determined that building a state-of-the-art campus in the White Oak location will give them the best opportunity to continue to provide critical healthcare services. Additionally, this new location is easily accessible to public transportation and close to a number of major roadways.

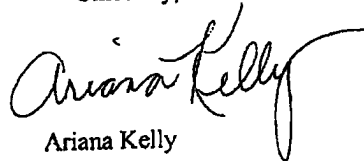
The proposed location in White Oak is adjacent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's consolidated headquarters. We understand the hospital has entered into a partnership with the FDA with the intent to open up new areas of medical research and discovery. This partnership is a tremendous asset to our community and we are excited by the enormous potential for ground breaking medical research.

We are pleased to support Washington Adventist Hospital's plans and ask that you favorably consider their application.

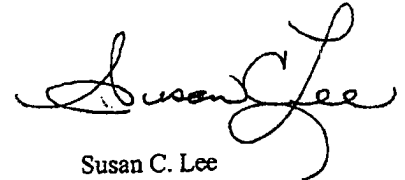
Sincerely,



C. William Frick



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Susan C. Lee

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January 13, 2014

Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
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Dear Mr. Steffen,

I am pleased to write to you with my support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak. The hospital is a vital part of the healthcare infrastructure in Prince George's County and to our larger region. The community would benefit from a modernized hospital in White Oak, with healthcare services still remaining in Takoma Park at the existing hospital site. The new site's proximity to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is consistent with the county's efforts to expand its well-known life sciences assets.

Washington Adventist Hospital provides many crucial services to the community in an aging facility that is challenging to expand and modernize. In order to remain viable in the future, the hospital must be allowed to move to White Oak. All in our community, whether insured or uninsured, deserve access to a modern health-care facility such as the one you are proposing.

The new hospital site is adjacent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in White Oak, where there is a larger proposed development. I understand that the partnership between the FDA and your hospital have already begun to take shape. The improved accessibility to partnerships like yours with the FDA is exciting. Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to White Oak is a key part of the effort to build on the FDA's presence as an asset to our Community.

I am pleased to support Washington Adventist Hospital's plans to relocate to White Oak. If I can be helpful in the future, please do not hesitate to call on me for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne C. Benson".

Joanne C. Benson

ROGER MANNO
19th Legislative District
Montgomery County

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Joint Committee on Pensions



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Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President
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Re: Support for Washington Adventist Hospital Relocation

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

I am pleased to write to you with my support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak. The hospital is a vital part of our community and to our larger region. The community would benefit from a modernized hospital in White Oak, with healthcare services still remaining in Takoma Park at the existing hospital site. The new site's proximity to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is consistent with the county's efforts to expand its well-known life sciences assets.

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The new hospital site is adjacent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in White Oak, where there is a larger proposed development. I understand that the partnership between the FDA and your hospital have already begun to take shape. The improved accessibility to partnerships like yours with the FDA is exciting. Washington Adventist Hospital's relocated to White Oak is a key part of the effort to build on the FDA's presence as an asset to our Community.

I am pleased to support Washington Adventist Hospital's plans to relocate to White Oak. If I can be helpful in the future, please do not hesitate to call on me for assistance.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Manno".

Roger Manno
Maryland State Senator
19th Legislative District



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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October 22, 2013

Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
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Dear Mr. Steffen,

We write to you in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to White Oak while continuing to offer healthcare services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

Washington Adventist Hospital is a valued and respected health care facility that has provided many different services and community benefits to residents in Montgomery County for over a century. The hospital provides high-quality healthcare services to the insured, underinsured, and uninsured and is a regional leader in providing charity care to those who need it most.

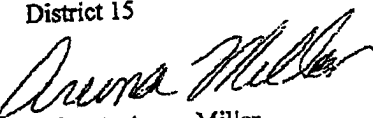
The residents of Montgomery County benefit from Washington Adventist Hospital's critical healthcare services including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, rehabilitation care, cancer care, maternity care, and many other services. Washington Adventist Hospital has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to promoting the health and wellness.

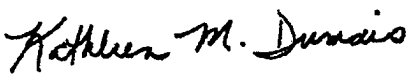
The location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). With a new hospital in close proximity to the FDA, the partnership between the FDA and Washington Adventist Hospital articulated in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) will open up new areas of medical research and discovery.

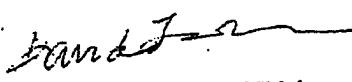
We support Washington Adventist Hospital and encourage you to approve their Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,


Senator Brian Feldman
District 15


Delegate Aruna Miller
District 15


Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais
District 15


Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo
District 15

October 1, 2013

Joyce Newmyer
President, Washington Adventist Hospital
7600 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

I am sending this letter in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to the White Oak area of Montgomery County. Washington Adventist Hospital faces many challenges with modernizing their current facility and the White Oak community would greatly benefit from a 21st century hospital.

Washington Adventist Hospital is a valued and respected health care facility that provides many different services and community benefits to residents in Montgomery County. A new hospital in White Oak will be a benefit to our residents because it will add accessibility, modern technology and the comfort and benefits of a brand new facility.

And what remains most important to me, is your commitment to repurposing the current Takoma Park site to provide an array of healthcare services that will help continue to help serve that community.

Locating Washington Adventist Hospital in White Oak is a good fit for the county's economic development and land use goals. We, as a council, are committed to expanding life science assets, academic institutions and educated workforce into critical markets. The White Oak and Route 29 corridor redevelopment efforts are prime examples of areas that can shape the future of Montgomery County.

The new campus will not only be accessible by public transportation, but will also be located off of major highways, which will improve emergency vehicle access. I appreciate your effort to work with the community in a manner that is consistent and true to the larger land use goals of the county.

It is for the reasons above that I support your proposal to relocate Washington Adventist hospital to White Oak and look forward to working with you to make that vision come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Craig Rice, Vice President
Montgomery County Council