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January 21, 2015

Mr. Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

We are writing this letter in support of Anne Arundel Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need in the area of cardiology services. The Greater Baltimore Region of the American Heart Association recognizes Anne Arundel Medical Center's many contributions to its community and to the overall fight against America's number one killer – heart disease. The American Heart Association (AHA) is the largest voluntary health organization fighting cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke. Cardiovascular disease devastates millions of Americans of all ages and causes nearly 950,000 deaths each year.

Throughout the years, Anne Arundel Medical Center has shown its commitment to fighting heart disease and stroke by partnering with the AHA in its mission to fund investigative research that has led to such advancements as open-heart surgery, heart transplantation, cardiac diagnostics, and statin medications. In recent years, the AHA has raised more than \$500 million nationwide through its participation in AHA signature events and community educational programming.

The Anne Arundel Medical Center community has served in a leadership capacity on numerous local and affiliate-wide volunteer boards, health initiative educational committees, and as spokespersons for raising awareness for prevention and outreach through news media and other communication. We are especially fortunate to work with organizations such as Anne Arundel Medical Center who have participated in our community heart and stroke educational programming.

We greatly cherish our excellent working relationship with Anne Arundel Medical Center in the eventual eradication of the devastation of heart disease and stroke. The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery.

*"Building healthier lives,
free of cardiovascular
diseases and stroke."*

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Please remember the American Heart Association in your will.

Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, we urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger Blumenthal
Director,
Johns Hopkins Ciccarone
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January 6, 2015

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Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

**Subject: Letter of Support – Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

When a health care institution takes a bold step to serve its community with a new clinical program, those who understand its vision and goals need to speak out in support. That’s why I write to urge your endorsement of a Certificate of Need for cardiac surgery at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

As someone who’s been involved in health care for more than 30 years, I well understand AAMC’s need to provide this program to the one million+ people in its service area. AAMC is partnering with Johns Hopkins to bring cardiac surgery to a population that now must travel outside the county for this component of its cardiac program. AAMC, as well as Hopkins, deserves our credit and acknowledgement for developing what no doubt will be a first- class and comprehensive cardiac program.

My knowledge of AAMC comes through years of working closely with its administration and medical staff on the care of patients in our nursing home and long-term care facilities, including Genesis at Spa Creek, Severna Park and Corsica Hills. I’ve witnessed firsthand the talent and skill of its staff, and the determination of its leadership to do what is right for the patient.

Transfers of patients can sometimes be difficult for both patients and families and in this situation, it hardly seems “right” to interrupt a heart patient’s care at AAMC for transport to another facility. Cardiac surgery is the missing link in AAM’s ability to care for these patients, especially when the hospital has the talent and facilities to provide it. All that’s missing is approval of a CON.

Anne Arundel County has one of the fastest growing aging populations in our region. For that reason alone, a cardiac surgery program at AAMC would mean greater access for hundreds of our citizens.

Knowing that the MHCC will conduct a fair and thorough review of AAMC’s application, I urge the Commission to do everything possible to help realize the AAMC program as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

David C. Almquist
Executive Vice President/President
East Division



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December 15, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. I am well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community, particularly to serve the minority communities in the area.

As you know, AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. It's also located in Anne Arundel County, which is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. AAMC is the most isolated hospital in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program, which means heart surgery patients have to endure significant travel time from home to receive surgical care. This is not only stressful for the patient, but also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved one.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Vincent O. Leggett
Executive Director





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January 23, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
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Maryland Health Care Commission
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**Subject: Letter of Support – Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As division chief for emergency medical services for the City of Annapolis, I am writing to give my full support to Anne Arundel Medical Center in its application for a Certificate of Need to provide a cardiac surgery program in Anne Arundel County. Annapolis needs and deserves a cardiac program that is local and will be based on AAMC’s already high-level, quality heart program.

Since AAMC moved from downtown Annapolis some 13 years ago, the hospital has grown dramatically. So have calls for our service. We collaborate with Anne Arundel County, as well as neighboring jurisdictions, and calls related to heart attacks are among the most common. AAMC is the hospital of choice for area residents. They need a heart program close by that can provide this level of care, thereby alleviating unnecessary delays at an often critical time in life-saving treatment.

It is my understanding that some 200 patients are transferred away from AAMC each year. This makes no sense when the highly skilled, capable staff at AAMC could provide cardiac surgery more quickly and without disruption to the patient and family. I also am aware that our county, despite its size and the growing population of older citizens, lacks an open heart program.

I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC’s request for the CON, and to help make its cardiac surgery program a reality as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Butler
Battalion Commander
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Joseph R. Ciotola, M.D.
Health Officer

January 8, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
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Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

**Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of
Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) to establish a cardiac surgery program. The community needs and deserves a local cardiac surgical program that complements the existing, high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years.

Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has already been started at AAMC. A heart surgery program at AAMC would improve the quality and access of healthcare available in my community.

I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application to provide this critical service in my community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciotola, Jr., M.D.
Health Officer



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January 9, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On behalf of the business community and Board of Directors for the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. We are a regional Chamber of Commerce, and the third largest business organization of its kind in central Maryland.

Our organization is well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community. As you know, AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. It is also one of the highest rated hospitals in patient satisfaction, quality of outcomes, and management of healthcare costs.

AAMC is located in Anne Arundel County, which is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. Given AAMC's ideal geographic location with easy access, it is nonetheless the most isolated medical care facility in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program, which means heart surgery patients have to endure significant travel time from home to receive surgical care. This is not only stressful for the patient, but also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved one. In addition, patients and their loved ones are confronted with an unnecessary economic disadvantage by having to adjust work and business schedules to receive long distance cardiac surgery care when such important services can be delivered closer to work and home at AAMC.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Burdon
President/CEO

January 6, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Subject: **Letter of Support – Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Since its establishment nearly two decades ago, Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) has enjoyed the support of Anne Arundel Medical Center, as a founder, sponsor and active participant in its programs. LAA is honored to be associated with an organization that garners the respect and trust of the community that AAMC does.

That’s why it is not surprising that AAMC has taken a hard look at the population of more than one million people it serves and determined it needs to provide a full heart program, one that includes cardiac surgery. As I understand, Anne Arundel County is the largest county in Maryland without such a program. Given its reputation, geographic location, high level clinical programs, talented staff and expanded facilities, it seems only logical that AAMC would be permitted – even encouraged - to provide this service to the hundreds of people who need it every year.

Personally, while my doctor is based out of AAMC, I would rather stay local than to have to go to the Washington Hospital Center as I had to do in 2000.

As we teach in LAA, leaders need to challenge the status quo, especially when changes mean a better quality of life for the people of a region. It’s time for a comprehensive heart program in our county.

For all these reasons, I am proud to give my enthusiastic support to AAMC in its request for a Certificate of Need for a cardiac surgery program. I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to do everything possible to help AAMC make this service available to the hundreds of patients and their families who will need this service this year.

Sincerely,



Eric Edstrom
President

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of Central Maryland**

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January 6, 2015

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Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

**Subject: Letter of Support – Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I serve as president and CEO of United Way of Central Maryland. Our mission is to “change the odds” for families and communities. We do so by working to ensure that individuals and families have the building blocks of a successful life, such as access to healthcare and healthy food, as well as a quality education, gainful employment and affordable housing.

It’s been my pleasure to partner with Anne Arundel Medical Center for years now to help United Way fulfill its mission. In fact, AAMC has been a leading partner of United Way in caring for central Maryland individuals and families, and in supporting population health across the region. The hospital’s employees are incredibly generous, enthusiastically rallying each year to support people far less fortunate, many who come from diverse communities and who need their help for basic living, let alone superb health care.

Given AAMC’s core strength in high quality clinical programs, it would be impressive to see how AAMC staff will develop a comprehensive cardiac surgical program, offering hundreds of patients and their families the same compassionate care they now show to others.

I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to support AAMC’s request for this Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Furst
President and CEO



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January 6, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
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Maryland Health Care Commission
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**Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As Executive Director of The Light House, a homeless prevention and support center, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. I am well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

For a quarter century, The Light House has helped rebuild lives with compassion by providing shelter and services to prevent homelessness and empower people as they transition toward housing, employment and self-sufficiency. We strive to break the cycle of homelessness by providing a place of belonging, life-changing programs, and a broad continuum of support to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We serve as both a facility and a program. Physically located in a new 24,400 square foot facility in Annapolis, Maryland, we provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for individuals and families who are homeless as well as permanent supportive housing for women. We offer life-changing programs through a case management centered model that includes, counseling and referral services, basic life skills, and wellness and job training programs that help clients reclaim hope and independence in their lives.


The Light House has partnered with AAMC for several years. AAMC nurses provide weekly clinics to educate and support our residents. They provide meals and fundraise to collect coats, back packs and other necessities for the homeless. Our collaborative commitment to serve the most vulnerable residents in our community is evident.

While AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland, it is also the most isolated hospital in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program, which means heart surgery patients have to endure significant travel time from home to receive surgical care. This is not only stressful for the patient, but also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved one. This can prove to be an insurmountable hurdle for our minority communities who may not have access to transportation.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Kinney
Executive Director

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



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December 2, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) to establish a cardiac surgery program. The community needs and deserves a local cardiac surgical program that complements the existing, high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years.

Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has already been started at AAMC. A heart surgery program at AAMC would improve the quality and access of healthcare available in my community. AAMC has been supporting the Hispanic/Latino community in many ways, and I am positive that having a cardiac surgery program at AAMC would certainly benefit this population.

AAMC has a strong track record of advancing high quality clinical programs. In addition to its heart care, AAMC is recognized for joint replacement and cancer care. A leader in women's services, AAMC ranks second in Maryland for the number of births annually and has a Level III neonatal intensive care unit.

In addition, AAMC would be one of the lowest cost cardiac surgery programs in Maryland. In fact, AAMC's High Quality, Low Cost initiatives continue to generate substantial cost savings and quality improvement.



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I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application to provide this critical service in my community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Loise Novochadlo
Executive Director

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



Asbury United Methodist Church

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December 11, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) to establish a cardiac surgery program. The community needs and deserves a local cardiac surgical program that complements the existing, high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years.

Asbury United Methodist Church is the oldest and largest African-American church in the city. I feel privileged to lead and serve this body. However, many of my members are of the demographic that most needs urgent and critical medical care. They know and **trust** AAMC and that means a lot to older persons. Also, traveling to another city is a hardship for them and adds a burden to their family and friends who want to be there for them.

I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application to provide this critical service in my community.

Thank you for your mission, your service and your commitment to care for the residents of this great State.

Sincerely,
The Reverend Dr. Carletta Allen
The Reverend Dr. Carletta Allen

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Our Vision – *To show the power of God's love by meeting the needs of the Beloved Community, within and beyond the walls of the church; reaching out to all in our city including the young, the homeless, the hurt, and those who don't know Christ.*

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African Methodist Episcopal Church

December 11, 2014

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Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
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Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a Pastor, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. I am well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

As you know, AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. It's also located in Anne Arundel County, which is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. On several occasions I have had to go to Baltimore, to visit my members who were in need of services that were not available at AAMC. This is not only stressful for the patient and family members, but also for their religious leaders, who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their members and congregants.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Johnny R. Calhoun

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Fusco, Gina

From: jimi haha <jimihaha@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Fusco, Gina
Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

As a resident of Annapolis and patient of AAMC, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. I am well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

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The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

My father passed away at the age of 47. I will be turning 46 this December so this issue is literally near and dear to my heart. My wife, daughter and I thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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January 6, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
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Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave.
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Subject: Letter of Support—Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a pastor in Anne Arundel County, I wish to support Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certification of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. Anne Arundel County is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. It is the most isolated in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program. Heart surgery patients, their families and clergy must endure significant travel time from home to the Washington Hospital Center in the District of Columbia.

It only seems logical to allow AAMC to include the remaining piece of its cardiac services—cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Rev. Karen Nordlof Gould
Pastor, The United Methodist Church

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Frank and Karen Gould
923 Boom Way
Annapolis MD 21401

January 6, 2014

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Subject: Letter of Support–Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certificate of Need
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As president of the Civic Association of Heritage Harbour Homeowners in Annapolis, a senior community, I wish to support Anne Arundel Medical Center’s Certification of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. Anne Arundel County is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. It is the most isolated in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program. Heart surgery patients and their families must endure significant travel time from home to the Washington Hospital Center in the District of Columbia.

It only seems logical to allow AAMC to include the remaining piece of its cardiac services—cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC’s application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Gould
President, CAHHH

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Frank and Karen Gould
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Kevin R. McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's
Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As President of the Annapolis (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program. I am well aware of AAMC's longstanding interest and commitment to establish a cardiac surgery program to complement its existing quality heart and vascular services, and to meet the needs of the community.

The Links, Incorporated celebrates more than 65 years as a women's volunteer service organization committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. Our members represent distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world. They are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership. Links members contribute more than 500,000 documented hours of community service annually – strengthening their communities and enhancing the nation.

The Annapolis (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has partnered with AAMC during the past year to provide education and awareness to the community as it relates to health, specifically heart health. We



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are committed to collaborating and continuing to outreach to the most vulnerable and underserved individuals in our area.

While AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland, it is also the most isolated hospital in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program, which means heart surgery patients have to endure significant travel time from home to receive surgical care. This is not only stressful for the patient, but also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved one. This can prove to be an insurmountable hurdle for our minority communities who may not have access to transportation.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include a remaining piece of this program - cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its isolation from existing cardiac surgery programs, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Boyd, DDS

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center