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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:

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 cardiac surgical program that complements the existing, high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years.

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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, *Richard L. Garrison*  
*Debra L. Garrison*

*940 ASTERN WAY UNIT 203  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401*

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

John J. Muth  
952 Shadewater Way  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
December 29, 2014

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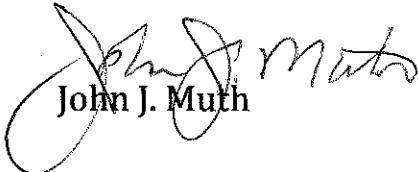
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Sincerely,

  
John J. Muth

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Judith Hayes  
814 Midship Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401

January 9, 2015

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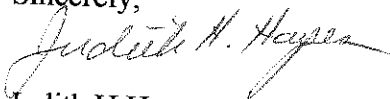
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AAMC is my hospital of choice. Since I am a cardiac patient, a cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for me and others who need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after 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 rather than a long transport and potentially life-threatening situation due to the lapse of time before proper care can be administered to me and others.

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

Sincerely,



Judith H Hayes

Cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Cheryl & Ronald Reagor**

1024 Jigger Court

Annapolis, MD 21401

January 09, 2015

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

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As residents of Anne Arundel County, we appreciate the opportunity to offer our support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's (AAMC) Certificate of need application to establish a cardiac surgery program.

As you know, AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland. AAMC is the only such facility in Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, and it is 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.

Six years ago, when we were residents of New Haven, CT, I received open-heart surgery. It was very beneficial to my recovery to be near my family, friends, and church family. Today, as a resident of Annapolis, if I needed cardiac surgery again, I would not have the family support so nearby, unless AAMC is allowed to do cardiac surgery.

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,

Cheryl and Ronald Reagor

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

January 6, 2015

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4160 Patterson Ave  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to offer my very strong support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish a Cardiac Surgery Program. Our community desperately needs a cardiac surgical program that accompanies the existing, excellent and high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years.

Anne Arundel Medical Center is my family's hospital of choice. A Top quality medical care in a community is a strong attribute for people whom live here, desire to move here or retire here. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would greatly benefit and provide a more seamless experience for patients whom need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has already been stated at AAMC. A heart surgery program at AAMC would greatly improve the quality and access of healthcare available in our community and others.

I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission must approve hospitals in Maryland that week 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 our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherry and Todd Esenwein  
703 Holly Drive  
Annapolis, MD  
21409

# Pat & Flora Izzo

1032 Mt. Airy Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035 410-798-6897

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Pat & Flora Izzo

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

2530 North Haven Cove  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
December 24, 2014

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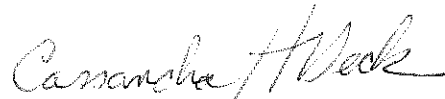
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I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application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

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cassandra H. Deck

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 23, 2014

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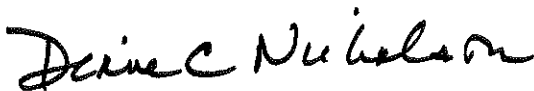
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While I am grateful to have other hospitals readily available, Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care, and alleviate the 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 live in a 55+ community and can tell you first hand of the hardships that spouses and children experience when a critically ill loved one must be treated at a hospital that is an hour or more away. And the person who has been transported to a distant facility struggles as well, since it is difficult for friends and family to come visit regularly.

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,



Diane C. Nicholson  
858 Woodmont Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401



Roberta W Liddick  
815 Bermuda Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401

12/18/2014

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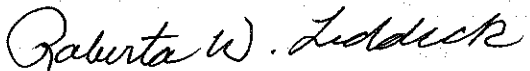
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✓ cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Kenneth E. Liddick, Jr  
815 Bermuda Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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2515 Painter Court  
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Dear Mr. McDonald,

As a resident of Annapolis, MD. , 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 MD. 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.

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Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,  
Dolores M. Arseneault

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

2497 Amber Orchard Court East #102  
Odenton, Maryland 21113

December 30, 2014

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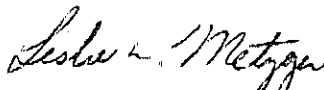
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AAMC already has the infrastructure—facilities and space—to provide cardiac surgery. Building a program would not require significant capital expense. Philanthropic support from the community for this program is expected to exceed \$5 million.

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,



Leslie W. Metzger

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

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Sincerely,



Katherine C. Welti  
420 Hamlet Club Drive Unit 101  
Edgewater, MD 21037

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Doris M. Czoka  
134 Southdown Road  
Edgewater, Maryland 21037  
410-956-3443

December 23, 2014

Kevin Mc Donald, Chief  
Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, Md 21215

Re: Letter of Support AAM Certificate of Need

Dear Mr. Mc Donald,

As a resident of Anne Arundel Co. for over 45 years and a Volunteer at AAMC for the last 6 I urge you to approve the Medical Center's application to establish a Cardiac Surgery Program

Anne Arundel County is the largest county in Md without Cardiac Surgery. AAMC is partnering with Johns Hopkins Cardiac Surgeon & Staff to establish the program. Over 500 residents had to travel out of A.A County in 2013 for heart surgery. Potential heart patient's and their families deserve to have the ability for heart surgery here at their home hospital!

Thank you for your consideration,

Doris Czoka

**Fusco, Gina**

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**From:** johnnmargie@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, January 02, 2015 2:35 PM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** Cardiac Surgery Services

Maryland Health Care Commission:

We are asking you to please approve AAMC's application for a Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services.

John and Margie Price  
802 Coxswain Way #104  
Annapolis, MD 21401

January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

A.A.M.C. Heart Institute.

My husband and myself would like to see Cardiac Surgery Services come to AA MC hospital.

As my family has had heart problems in the past and have been sent to different parts of the United States to have heart care done.

It would be so great to have it close to our area. It's not only for the older patients but now there are more younger patients that also need the care of heart (cardiac) services. It is our hope that you can get the approval of the Certificate of Need for our area.

Sincerely  
Roberta S Bensusky  
940 A Stern Way  
Unit #402  
Annapolis, Md 21401



**Fusco, Gina**

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**From:** Richard Rooney <rdrooney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 27, 2014 10:17 AM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** CON

November 27, 2014

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

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

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a past member of the Board of Trustees of Anne Arundel Medical Center, I write to support AAMC's Certificate of Need application to establish a cardiac surgery program.

You know the facts:

- AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland.
- AAMC is nationally recognized for its commitment to quality care and patient outcomes, most recently receiving the Magnet status.
- AAMC has a strong record of advancing high-quality clinical programs including heart care, joint replacement and cancer care.
- AAMC is partnering with the highly acclaimed Johns Hopkins cardiac surgeons and staff to establish this program.

We need this healthcare service in Anne Arundel County and AAMC is prepared and qualified to deliver it. Please approve their application.

Sincerely yours,

Richard D Rooney  
12 President Point Dr.  
Annapolis, MD 21403

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Dick Rooney  
410-353-2121  
[rdrooney@gmail.com](mailto:rdrooney@gmail.com)

Gerald L. Mainer  
2497 Cheyenne Dr.  
Gambrills, MD 20910

November 26, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
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4160 Patterson Ave  
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**Subject: Letter of Support- Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a resident of Gambrills, MD and a 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.

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.

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Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

D H Jump  
2497 Cheyenne Dr  
Gambrills, MD 21054

November 24, 2014

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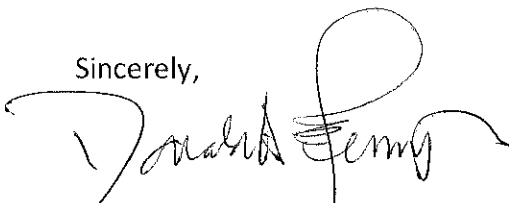
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

November 25, 2014

Mr. Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Silver  
2B1 President Point Drive  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Fusco, Gina**

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**From:** Joyce Hartnett <joycehartnett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** Certificate of Need Division of Maryland Health Care Commission

Dear Mr. McDonald,

As a resident of Annapolis I consider my self fortunate to have AAMC in our town and county. The missing piece of the "pie" is cardiac surgery.

I have personally visited the emergency room with blood pressure concerns and come from a family with heart problems and would welcome the needed cardiac surgery program here in Anne Arundel County.

Annapolis being the State Capitol and Anne Arundel County being the largest county in the state needs a cardiac surgery program which would complement its existing quality heart and vascular services which would meet the needs of the community.

Thank you,

Joyce Hartnett  
5 Steele Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cell 703-850-5000

**Fusco, Gina**

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**From:** John Hartnett <tupelo07@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 11:05 AM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** Certificate for Cardiac Surgery Services

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

Mr. McDonald:

I would like to express my support for AAMC's Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac Surgery Services. I have personally experienced the existing quality of heart and vascular services of the hospital and am impressed with the expertise and commitment they offer.

Actually I am surprised that a cardiac surgery program does not presently exist at the hospital. AAMC seems to have the level of excellence and facility that would be required for this extension and feel it unrealistic for it not to be granted the authority to do so.

Our community needs this service.

Respectfully,

John J. Hartnett  
5 Steele Ave.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

December 2, 2014

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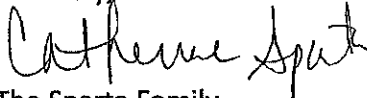
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Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has 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,



The Sparta Family  
1710 Riverdale Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

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**

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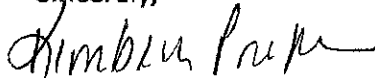
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Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care, and alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has 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,



The Prochazka Family  
1512 Warfield Rd., Edgewater, MD 21037

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



December 2, 2014

Kevin 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 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 is my hospital of choice and where I gave birth to my children. My father is a volunteer there and we all are very proud of the great reputation AAMC holds. A cardiac surgery program at AAMC just makes sense since it would be easier for patients who need this level of care. It would alleviate the burden of traveling 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 fully support this project and hope MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application to provide this critical service in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nicole T Speno

606 Samantha Court

Annapolis, Md 21409

Michelle M. Eichhorn  
12 Baldrige Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

November 26, 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 an Annapolis resident who supports the work of AAMC through financial contributions, blood drive coordination and fundraising, 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. 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 and the outstanding philanthropic support from the community for this program, 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,

  
cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 4, 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. I have delivered three babies, two of which were C-sections; one of which was an emergency and resulted in a still-born child (no fault of the doctors or hospital). We feel very strongly about the hospital, value the care we receive there, and know that a cardiac surgery program at AAMC would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care. In addition, offering these services there will alleviate the burden of having to travel to another hospital after care has already been started at AAMC. For all of these reasons, a heart surgery program at AAMC will significantly 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,



Jenny Sargent

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Date: December 7, 2014

From: Carol H. Moore  
3483 Olympia Road  
Davidsonville, MD 21035

To: 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 a member of The Heart & Vascular Philanthropy Council of The Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, 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. 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,



**Richard & Jill Springer  
2903 Maiden Creek Court  
Davidsonville, MD 21035**

December 4, 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**

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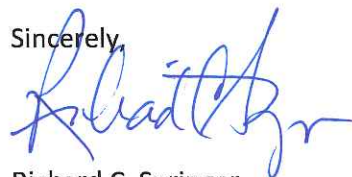
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I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the MHCC will see the value and benefit of AAMC's application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

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Springer

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Daniel R. Springer**  
**2903 Maiden Creek Court**  
**Davidsonville, MD 21035**

December 4, 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**

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Daniel R. Springer

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Sarah G. Springer**  
**1204 Tribal Court**  
**Arnold, MD 21012**

December 4, 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**

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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,



Sarah G. Springer

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

*Barbara J. Fawkes  
1627 Pleasant Plains Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21409*

December 6, 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:

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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,

Barbara J. Fawkes

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



Dec. 3, 2014  
105 Shure Rd  
Annapolis, Md 21012

Anne Arundel Med. Center  
2001 Medical Parkway  
Belcher Pavilion, Suite 606  
Annapolis, Md 21401

Attn: Gina Fusco  
Administrator

This is a letter of support for AAMC's  
Certificate of Need Application for Cardiac  
Surgery Services

I am a resident of Anne Arundel County as  
well as my 4 children their spouse and  
8 grandchildren.

The hospital has met all our needs so  
far (all 8 grands were born at aamc) But  
as we all age we hope the hospital can  
continue to meet our needs

I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission  
to approve AAMC's application

Sincerely  
Mary Ellen Plout

Glenn and Susan Beach  
3255 Chrisland Drive, Annapolis, Md 21403  
8256 Ingleton Circle, Easton, Md 21601

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. I had open heart surgery several years ago, and was transported from Annapolis to the Washington Hospital Center. The post-surgical care I received at the AAMC cardiac rehab center changed my life and gave me new hope. I will be forever grateful to the nurses and staff at AAMC. Having the ability to perform surgery at AAMC is the next logical step for such a fine facility and the community it serves.

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. In my situation, I was being treated in the Sajak Pavilion before my needed surgery. A heart surgery program at AAMC would improve the quality and access of healthcare available in the community, and I fully support it.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

606 Beach Drive  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

December 10, 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**

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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,



Nancy Baclawski

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**DONALD J. MORRISSETTE**

750 SOUTH RIVER LANDING  
EDGEWATER, MD 21037  
410-956-0456

December 1, 2014

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

Subject: Letter of Support  
Anne Arundel Medical Center  
Application for Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing in support of the Certificate of Need submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish a Cardiac Surgery Services program.

The Anne Arundel County community has a definite need for this service; it is the largest county in Maryland without cardiac surgery available to its residents, who, compared to other areas of the country, have a high incidence of heart disease requiring surgery.

I fully support the AAMC project and urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve it, for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Morrissette

**LARRY S NORDHAUSER  
4C PRESIDENT POINT DRIVE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21403**

December 10 2014

Kevin R. McDonald  
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**

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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 yours,

*Larry S. Nordhauser*  
Larry S. Nordhauser

cc: AAMC

## ELIZABETH C DELANEY

December 11, 2014

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

Subject: Anne Arundel Medical Center – Certificate of Need Application for  
Cardiac Surgery Services

Dear Mr. McDonald;

As a resident of Anne Arundel County and a Board Member of Wellness House 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.

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 especially problematic in emergency surgery situations.

The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow AAMC to include 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 to the community.

Thank you for your consideration in the very important matter.

With kind regards,

Elizabeth C. Delaney

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

78 POINT SOMERSET LANE – SEVERNA PARK – MD - 21146

1627 Wyatts Ridge, Crownsville, Maryland 21032

December 12, 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,

As residents of Anne Arundel County and patients of Anne Arundel Medical Center, we are writing to support the request to establish a cardiac surgery program. This would be a significant improvement in the level of care now provided, eliminating the stress and burden of travel for patients and families in critical need.

AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland and is the most isolated from the existing cardiac surgery program. This improvement would complement the existing high quality of comprehensive services the AAMC currently provides and would extend the quality of health care currently provided.

We understand and appreciate that MHCC must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide these services, and we hope you will see the value and benefit of AAMC’s application to provide this essential care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Michael and Melanie Teems

Cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**JOHN & TRICIA LEHMANN**  
**332 STONEHOUSE DRIVE**  
**SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146**

*December 12, 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:

We are writing you to offer our strong support for approval of the Certificate of Need submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) to establish a cardiac surgery program.

AAMC is one of the busiest hospitals in Maryland, and as you know, is located in Anne Arundel County. We serve not only Anne Arundel County, but geographic areas well outside of our county. We are the largest county in the State without cardiac surgery service available.

Because AAMC is the most isolated hospital in the State from an existing cardiac surgery program, our community members needing these services must be transported enduring significant travel time from home. This is not only stressful for the patient, but also for the family members supporting that patient. We have



had friends that have been transported out for these services and it presents a hardship for all involved.

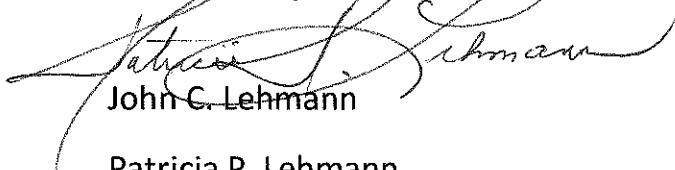
We have lived in Anne Arundel County for over 40 years and have used AAMC for all of our hospital services. Our children and grandchildren were born at AAMC and we have had ER visits, surgeries and many other services at the hospital over these many years. Our hospital offers wonderful services and great care in a very cost effective setting.

Our community needs and deserves a local cardiac surgery program. This would compliment the existing high-quality services and facilities that AAMC has developed over the years. AAMC is partnering with the acclaimed Johns Hopkins cardiac surgeons and staff to establish its program. This gives community member access to the highest quality care and the latest advancement in heart surgery close to home.

For the reasons outlined above we appreciate the opportunity to offer our support for this Certificate of Need. We hope the MHCC will see the value, benefits and need, and support AAMC's application and approve this project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John C. Lehmann

Patricia P. Lehmann

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

384 Berkshire Drive  
Riva, MD 21140

December 15, 2014

Mr. Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
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 a resident of Anne Arundel County I would strongly support the Certificate of Need application by Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish a cardiac surgery program here in Annapolis, Maryland.

Although my father died in Washington Hospital Center I feel it was and is an outstanding hospital. We need that kind of high-quality cardiac surgery service in Annapolis.

AAMC is an excellent hospital and has met all of my needs and those of my family; however, the facility needs cardiac surgery services to be complete. I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve AAMC's application to provide this critical service in the state capitol of Maryland.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mary-Ellen McGrath

cc: AAMC/Gina Fusco

105 Water Street  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
December 11, 2014

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

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

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is intended to give my strong support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish a cardiac surgery program. Our community needs and deserves a local cardiac surgical program that complements the existing high quality services and facilities that this hospital has developed over the years.

Based on its quality and location, Anne Arundel Medical Center is my hospital of choice. It already has a highly regarded cardiac program; however, it is lacking the ability to do cardiac surgery. A cardiac surgery program at Anne Arundel Medical Center would create a more seamless experience for patients who need this level of care and alleviate the burden for patients and family members to have to travel to another hospital for this critical service. A heart surgery program at Anne Arundel Medical Center would improve the quality and access of well-rounded health care offered in our community.

I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission must approve hospitals in Maryland that seek to provide cardiac surgery services. I fully support this project, and hope the Maryland Health Care Commission will see the value and benefit of Anne Arundel Medical Center's application to provide this critical service in our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

*Elaine D. Soderlund*

Elaine D. Soderlund

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Robert F. Thompson  
950 Shadewater Way  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

December 10, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief

Certificate of Need

Maryland Health Care Commission

4160 Patterson Avenue

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 a resident of Heritage Harbour (a 55 & older community) and a 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.

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,

  
Robert F. Thompson

CC: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Virginia DuBon Thompson  
950 Shadewater Way  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

December 11, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief

Certificate of Need

Maryland Health Care Commission

4160 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

**Subject: Letter of Support-Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Virginia DuBon Thompson

CC: Anne Arundel Medical Center 

SUE LINDSAY- 2515 CARROLLTON RD – ANNAPOLIS,MD 21403

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:

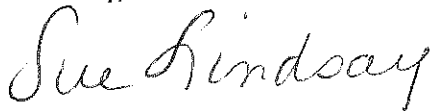
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Lindsay".

cc. Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 17, 2014

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Erin B. McNaboe

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Sean & Erin McNaboe  
1399 Rosebay Court | Annapolis, MD | 21409

December 16, 2014

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

**Subject: Letter of Support-Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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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,

Jerry L. Pesterfield  
922 Topmast Way  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



## **Fusco, Gina**

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**From:** Donna B. Smith <donna@jjs.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2014 8:26 AM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** Cardiac Surgery Team

I won't go through the fancy but correct headings but would like to express my concern. As a former science teacher, it seems like "no-brainer" to me that the Cardiac Surgery Team should be located in Annapolis. Annapolis serves not just the immediate area but also the Eastern Shore. There is already a team at Johns Hopkins so putting one in northern Anne Arundel County would seem to be overkill.

I am a 77 year old resident of Heritage Harbor and should I need cardiac surgery, I would like to have it locally. I have used AAMC over the years for gall bladder surgery (in the old hospital), two knee replacements, and a few more minor things. I always sign your praises.

Thanks for "listening" to my two cents.

Maenette (Donna) B. Smith

Kevin McDonald  
Certificate of Need  
MD, Health Care Commission

Dec 14 2014

As a former nurse at AAMC and, more recently, a patient, I believe the need for a cardiac surgical unit is fairly obvious .

We have a large elderly population that would benefit from this type of unit being closer at hand for families who need to be close to a loved one

Please consider this need.

Thank you,  
Eleanor Riordan  
2606 Rigging Dr.  
Annapolis MD. 21401

*Eleanor M. Riordan*

713 Ballast Way  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
December 13, 2014

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

Dear Mr. McDonald,

As a retired resident of Annapolis 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 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. 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. Patients who need this level of care are burdened with traveling to another hospital and also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved ones.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Mary Sue Samilton*

Ashley Varner, MSW, MBA, OSW-C  
3013 Laurel Ave  
Cheverly, MD 20785  
(410) 371-4718

December 17, 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:

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The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program. I myself switched my electrophysiology cardiac care from Washington Hospital Center to AAMC four years ago, and it was the best medical decision I have ever made. Just this weekend, I had another unexpected bout with my arrhythmia and had to be admitted for the first time in years for medication changes. I experienced exemplary care from the outstanding physicians to the magnet-level nursing care. 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.

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# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date: 12/14/14

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: THOMAS GARRAHY  
Address: 940 ASTERN WAY #503  
City: ANNAPOLIS, MD  
State - Zip: MO. 21401

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

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# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date: 12/14/14

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: Patricia Garraby  
Address: 940 Astern Way  
City: Annapolis  
State - Zip: MD, 21401

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

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Sincerely,

*Patricia Garraby*

2105 Crossgate Drive  
Crofton, MD 21114

December 18, 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:

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Barb Vargo

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date:

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: Edward C. Wood  
Address: 940 Astern Way, #212  
City: Annapolis  
State - Zip: Md - 21401

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

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# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date:

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: Linda F. Wood

Address: 940 Astern Way, #212

City: Annapolis, Md

State - Zip: Md - 21401

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Linda F. Wood*

**819 Midship Court****Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

December 20, 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:

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Earl M. Waesche

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

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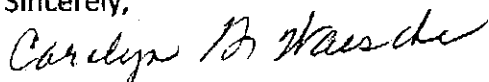
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Carolyn G. Waesche

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

December 16, 2014

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Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Charles O. Heller  
940 Astern Way, #202  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Letter of Support - Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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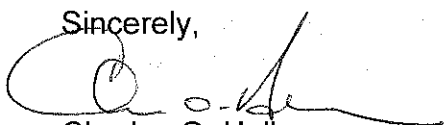
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Charles O. Heller

# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

December 16, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Susan E. Heller  
940 Astern Way, #202  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Susan E. Heller

**Albert J. Hauch**

2652 Quiet Water Cove  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
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December 16, 2014

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

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# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date:

December 17, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State - Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Mr. William E. Malinovsky  
Mrs. William E. Malinovsky  
940 Astern Way Unit 607  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

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Sincerely,

*Glenn Malinovsky*  
*William E. Malinovsky*

December 22, 2014

Paul Woodie  
305 Grindstone Drive  
Arnold, MD 21012

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

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Sincerely,



Paul Woodie

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center



# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date:

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

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Name: STAN GOLDMAN

Address: 940 ASTERNA WAY

City: ANNAPOLIS

State - Zip: MD - 21401

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

December 17th, 2014

2508 Eastern Point Ct  
Annapolis, Md 21401

TO: 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  
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Sincerely,



Paul D Mahalik  
cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 17th, 2014

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Annapolis, Md 21401

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Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
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Sincerely,

*Madeline Mahalik*  
*Madeline Mahalik*  
cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 21, 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  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

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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.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ruth Rentch  
125 Farragut Rd  
Annapolis MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 23, 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  
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Davis Wright  
802 Coxswain Way, Unit 210  
Annapolis, MD 21401-6777

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Date 12/19/14

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

922 Shipmaster Ct.  
Annapolis, Md 21401

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Adelle M. Green*

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

2503 Eastern Point Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
January 5, 2015

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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AAMC already has a highly regarded cardiac care program, especially for interventional procedures. It seems only logical to allow this hospital to include the remaining piece of this program – cardiac surgery. Given the outstanding reputation of AAMC and its distance from existing cardiac surgery facilities, I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve its application to provide this critical service in the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

*Laurel and Tom Scott*

Thomas J. Scott  
Laurel I. Scott

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

***George and Mary Jane Samwell***

***844 Mission Valley Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401***

***Home: 410-573-4938***

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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

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Sincerely,

George and Mary Jane Samwell

Cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Ken & Maureen Donnelly*  
*2519 Tundo Ct Annapolis, MD 21401*

December 16, 2014

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

**Subject: Letter of Support-Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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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,



Adrienne Goldstein  
2787 Topmast Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

December 16, 2014

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Certificate of Need Division of  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
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Sincerely,



Allen Goldstein  
2787 Topmast Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

1301 Holley Road  
Edgewater, MD 21037

December 29, 2014

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

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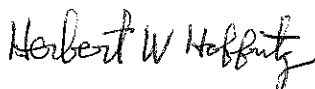
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AAMC is partnering with acclaimed Johns Hopkins cardiac surgeons and staff to establish its programs. This will give community members access to the highest quality care and latest advancements in heart surgery close to home without having to travel to Baltimore. We know this from experience when Janet had to have a radio frequency ablation done at Johns Hopkins before a pacemaker insertion could be accomplished and this ablation surgery was not available at AAMC at the time.

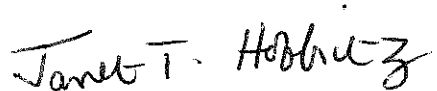
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Herbert W. Hoffritz



Janet T. Hoffritz

Cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Judith K. Simpson  
1729 Tedbury Street  
Crofton, MD 21114

December 29, 2014

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

Subject: Letter of Support – Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need  
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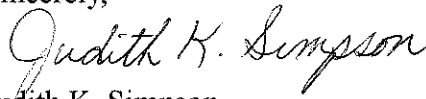
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December 29, 2014

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

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Sincerely,

  
Thomas F. Simpson

810 Bermuda Court  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
January 3, 2015

Kevin McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need Division  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
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 a resident of Annapolis I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Anne Arundel Medical Centers Certificate 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. It is also located in Anne Arundel County, which is the largest county in the state without cardiac surgery. The hospital already has a highly regarded cardiac program and it seems only logical to allow it to add cardiac surgery to its services. Now patients must be helicoptered to Baltimore or Washington for surgery. This is an added expense and an additional burden for family members.

My deceased husband and I have used the hospital's services many, many times. The care and attention to our needs was exemplary.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter which is very important to the residents of Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Underwood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Harriet Underwood



Date: 12-31,2014

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**

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Sincerely,



Mary Anne Byrne  
2797 Berth Terrace  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

Date: 12-31,2014

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

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Patrick J. Byrne  
2797 Berth Terrace  
Annapolis, MD 21401

cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Reminder: Please write your letter on your stationery with your return address included. Return your letter to AAMC.**

## Sample #1

Date

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  
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cc: Anne Arundel Medical Center

# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

Date: January 7, 2015

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
Certification of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2209

Name: Sandra D. Palmer

Address: 940 Astern Way, #

City: Annapolis

State - Zip: Maryland 21401

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

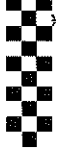
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December 9, 2014

Kevin R. McDonald, Chief

Certificate of Need

Maryland Health Care Commission

4160 Patterson Ave

Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

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December 9, 2014

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# AAMC Certificate of Need for Cardiac Surgery Services

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AAMC is the most isolated hospital in the state from an existing cardiac surgery program. In 2013, approximately 500 residents left Anne Arundel County for heart surgery. In addition, an estimated 200 AAMC patients were transferred to other hospitals for heart surgery. County residents and AAMC patients should have improved access to all their heart care needs. Local heart surgery patients have to endure significant travel time from home to receive surgical care. This is not only stressful for the patients, but also for family members who must travel back and forth to the hospital to be with their loved one.

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**From:** Richardson Libby <ra235lby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 07, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Fusco, Gina  
**Subject:** CON application

From: The Rev. Richardson A. Libby  
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( phone 410-280-1565 )

To: Kevin R. McDonald, Chief  
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AAMC is, obviously, the hospital I would choose. I would not want to be forced to be a "new" patient in another place. As I said before, the care at AAMC is of the highest quality and all my relations with the staff, at all levels, have been professional, caring and warm.

I totally support the application AAMC has made to the Maryland Health Commission to provide a full range of cardiac surgery services. It not only would be of great benefit for me but also to the whole community. Annapolis is the State Capitol and the reputation locally of AAMC is already at a very high level. We need, and should have, a full range of care at this central place.

Thank you for your full consideration of this matter and of my request that you approve this application.

Sincerely,

Richardson A. Libby