

EXHIBIT 26



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

July 29, 2015

Kevin McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need Division
Center for Health Care Facilities Planning & Development
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene hereby acknowledges notification by Sheppard Pratt Health System of their intention to seek a Certificate of Need to build a replacement facility for the current Sheppard Pratt at Ellicott City hospital in the ElkrIDGE section of Howard County. Sheppard Pratt officials have met with us and briefed us on their plans.

Sincerely,

Van T. Mitchell
Secretary