



JOHNS HOPKINS

M E D I C I N E

Paul B. Rothman, M.D.

*The Frances Watt Baker, M.D. and Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D.
Dean of the Medical Faculty
Chief Executive Officer*

Ronald R. Peterson

*President
The Johns Hopkins Health System
Executive Vice President*

November 29, 2017

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

Thank you for taking the time in your busy schedule to meet with us in August. We found the conversation fruitful on a number of issues. As we discussed at that time, the Johns Hopkins Health System is in the planning stages for redevelopment of inpatient facilities at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Part of that project would be to upgrade and enhance the facilities of the Johns Hopkins Burn Center, and we write today to begin discussions for state capital fund support for that portion of the project.

The Johns Hopkins Burn Center holds the distinction of being the only state-designated burn center in Maryland and is a key component of the state's renowned trauma system. Accredited and verified by the American Burn Association, the adult burn center treats burn patients 15 years of age and older. A critical resource for the entire State, approximately 90 percent of Burn Center patients from the last five years are from Maryland, among whom are our State and local first responders who suffer severe burns in the line of duty. The Center maintains its own emergency service and directly accepts burn patients who arrive by ambulance or Medevac, or who are transferred from community hospitals with all types and in all stages of burn injury.

While the Burn Center is recognized as one of the top burn centers in the country, the physical facility is not ideal. Care for burn patients has become more complex and requires not only an expert staff, but also facilities that support the delivery of state-of-the-art care for burn patients during the most critical stages of the injury through recovery. The current infrastructure of the Burn Center is in need of larger, private patient rooms and other requirements to adequately address the added infection control, patient safety, pain management, healing, and rehabilitation that are associated with severe burns.

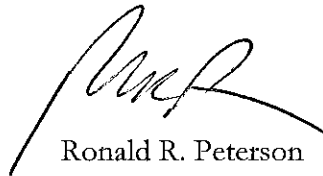
The estimated cost for the new Burn Center, inclusive of a dedicated operating room suite, is approximately \$55 million. Given its role as a statewide healthcare asset, Johns Hopkins Health System is asking consideration of \$27 million over 3 or 4 years to support the construction of the Burn Center. We intend to submit a Letter of Intent to the Maryland Health Care Commission in December and will submit a request for Certificate of Need in February 2018. We would hope to have the state grant funds beginning in fiscal year 2020 as that would allow us to continue our planning and construction on the timeline that we have developed.

We welcome the opportunity to show you the existing Burn Center (as we also discussed in August) and stand ready to provide any information you may need in connection with this capital fund request. Feel free to contact either of us or Mary Clapsaddle, Director of State Affairs, at 443-287-9900 with your questions.

Sincerely,



Paul Rothman, M.D.



Ronald R. Peterson

cc: Secretary David Brinkley, Department of Budget and Management
Ms. Terri Garraty, Department of Budget and Management
Dr. Richard Bennett, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
Mr. Thomas Lewis, Government and Community Affairs