## **Letters of Support**

- Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce
- Bayview Business Association
- Bayview Community Association
- Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce
- Dr. Caffrey Interim Director of the Johns Hopkins Burn Center
- Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
- JHBMC Community Advisory Board
- JHBMC Patient-Family Advisory Council
- Southeast Community Development Corporation
- Union Baptist Church



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June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D. President Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center 4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore MD 21224

Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer our support for the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Certificate of Need application for the proposed new, efficient patient tower and the modernization of existing patient spaces.

The Chamber is the largest business association in Baltimore County that effectively represents the interest of business in the legislative and regulatory arena, amongst the business community, and the public.

The proposal to build a new and efficient patient tower is an important effort for our community, because the Medical Center is already a critical resource for quality health care and the proposal to add modernized patient spaces will be welcomed by all as we look to advancing our entire community especially as it relates to health.

Johns Hopkins Bayview is already known as a wonderful resource for those in our community who suffer from a multitude of ailments, we look forward to this opportunity to provide more efficiency in patient flow.

We are pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's request. Please let us know if there is anything further we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth.

Sincerely,

Keith B. Scott President and CEO

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Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Resource Center

## **BAYVIEW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

6100 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21224

June 29, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D.
President
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**RE:** New Patient Tower

Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Bayview Business Association, Inc., appreciates the continued enhancement to the health facilities being developed by the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. The proposed new, patient tower and the renovation of existing patient spaces will offer the entire Southeast Baltimore area an array of new patient rooms.

We support the Certificate of Need application because we know of the many vital services that Bayview presently provides to our community and look forward to the proposed enhancements and efficiencies that the new patient tower will provide.

Sincerely.

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# Bayview Community Association



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June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D. President Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center 4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore MD 21224

Dear Dr. Bennett,

The Bayview Community Association extends our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Certificate of Need application for the proposed new, efficient patient tower and the modernization of existing patient spaces.

The Bayview Community Association is a very close neighbor, located directly next to the Eastern border of the Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus. We have been working with Hopkins Bayview for a number of years and are recently elevating our partnership relationship by collaborating on combined activities.

The current proposal to build a new and modernized patient tower is an important project for our community. Johns Hopkins Bayview is a significant resource for a multitude of care options and the proposal to modernize the care delivery will be a welcome addition to extend the efficiency and range of services available.

We are pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's request. If we can be of further assistance during this process, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Michael Ball President Bayview Community Association



June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D.
President
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview's Certificate of Need application the proposed new, efficient patient tower and the modernization of existing patient spaces.

Modernization of existing patient spaces which the new patient tower will provide will certainly enhance the patients' and families' experience, in addition to any other efficiencies offered. Advances in patient care delivery are important for our community, where numerous chronic illnesses occur frequently. The new patient tower will bring greater patient satisfaction and treatment in response to our health needs.

We recognize the important role that the Medical Center plays in the communities that we all serve, and appreciate your ongoing efforts to respond to the health landscape of area residents. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance as you pursue these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

Sharon Kihn

**Executive Director** 

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October 25, 2017

RE: Letter of Support for a New Burn Center

Dear Dr. Bennett:

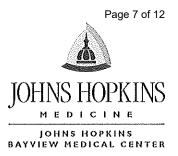
I write this letter of strongest support for the proposed building of the new tower at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center that will house the Johns Hopkins Adult Burn Center. The Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center administration, including yourself, have continuously supported the development of the Burn Center in order for Johns Hopkins to be a leader in treating patients with extensive burn injuries. I believe that the new space will greatly benefit the burn patients.

The Johns Hopkins Burn Center provides a comprehensive, nationally recognized program of care for patients with burn injuries. We are the only designated adult burn center in the state of Maryland and treat patients from around the region including southern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia. We are a referral center for over 60 regional hospitals. Our goal focuses on returning patients to their highest level of function by attending to the physical, psychological, social and vocational aspects of their lives.

To meet this goal, we use a team approach applying the expertise of various specialties to the many inter-related problems associated with burn injuries. Directed by burn physician specialists, the team includes nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, critical care intensivists, wound care technicians, nurse educators, physical and occupational therapists, a clinical nutritionist, a social worker, a nurse case manager, psychologists and psychiatrists, respiratory therapists, research coordinators, a community outreach coordinator, a child life specialist, and outpatient clinic staff.

The Johns Hopkins Adult Burn Center, at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, is a tenbed intensive care unit and a ten-bed step-down unit, complete with its own burn rehabilitation gym and outpatient burn wound clinic. The Burn Center treats approximately 400 burn-injured patients annually and has over 1,600 outpatient clinic visits each year. The Center opened in 1968, and was the first in the Mid-Atlantic region to become verified by the American College of Surgeons/American Burn Association verification program in 1995 and currently maintains this distinguished verification.

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The Johns Hopkins Adult Burn Center continues to be a leader in the field of burn care by providing:

- The highest level of care through the development of comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- Compassion and respect for our diverse patient population and their families.
- Innovative solutions to ensure the safety of our patients and their continued long-term success,
- A dynamic and stimulating environment for our team members that supports their professional growth.
- Community outreach initiatives and programs in burn prevention, as well as clinical education programs for pre-hospital and hospital providers throughout the region.
- Benchmark laboratory, translational and clinical research projects in collaboration with many departments within Johns Hopkins, as well as other burn centers throughout the United States and in Europe.

The Burn Center was last renovated over 20 years ago in 1994. In order to continue to be a leader in burn care, it is necessary to stay up to date with the latest trends and technologies. Hence, I strongly support the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center administration in implementing this extremely worthwhile project and appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Julie Caffrey, DO, MS

Interim Director of the Johns Hopkins Burn Center

Assistant Professor, Division of Burn Surgery

Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medicine

June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D.



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H. Edward Parker **Emeritus**  Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Dundalk Renaissance Corporation is pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Certificate of Need application for a new, efficient patient tower and the modernization of existing patient spaces. As a non-profit communitybased membership organization and community development corporation we are dedicated to revitalizing the greater Dundalk area. Bayview's enhanced ability to meet our community's medical needs helps enable our community as a whole to progress.

The addition of a new, efficient patient tower and the modernization of existing patient spaces will improve the continuum of services available for patients and allow many to receive all of their care at the Medical Center. Our community has a diverse population which includes a large older adult population, so enhancing patients' ability to receive comprehensive treatment so close to home will help reduce the stress of hospitalization by providing a new and modernized patient environment.

Dundalk Renaissance fully supports Bayview's application for a new patient tower. Please let me know if there is anything further that we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth and investments in better care for our residents.

Sincerely,

William Feuer President

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June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D.
President
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Community Advisory Board understands the importance of modernizing Johns Hopkins Bayview's services to meet the diverse needs of our residents, and therefore, supports the Medical Center's proposed new efficient patient tower and modernization of existing patient spaces.

Johns Hopkins Bayview is an important partner in providing our communities' health care. With the addition of a new patient tower, our residents will receive modernized and efficient care demonstrating the quality now expected from the Hopkins name.

The Community Advisory Board is pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's request. Please contact us if there is anything further we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth.

Sincerely,

Jánice Evans Chairwoman 5300 Alpha Commons Drive Baltimore, MD 21224-2780 410-550-0100 T 410-550-0316 TTY



September 6, 2017

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

Dear Dr. Steffen,

Johns Hopkins Bayview's Patient-Family Advisory Council (PFAC) helps bridge the gap between the patient/family experience and organizational decision-making. Council members include former or current patients of the Medical Center, family members of current or former patients, and employees from throughout the hospital (including nurses, pharmacists, therapists, physicians, administrators and executives). The vision of the Patient Family Advisory Council is to infuse the voice of the patient into every aspect of care so that all Johns Hopkins Bayview patients receive optimum patient- and family-centered care.

In respect to the addition of a new patient tower and renovation of existing patient spaces, the PFAC believes that this modernization plan is essential to further promote patient safety, quality and a culture of patient/family centeredness, all goals that Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center consistently strives to achieve.

Furthermore, the PFAC fully supports Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's application for a new patient tower. Please advise if there is anything further that we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth and investments in better care for our patients.

Respectfully yours,

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Lisa Filbert, Chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council

Takiya Reavis Benjamin, Co-chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council

Colleen Carroll, Co-chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council



June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D.
President
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

The Southeast Community Development Corporation is pleased to offer our support for John Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to add a new, efficient patient tower and for the modernization of existing patient spaces. As one of the oldest community development corporations in Baltimore, we understand the changing health needs of the citizens who live here.

The proposal to build a new patient tower is an important endeavor for our community. The medical Center is a critical resource for the Southeast residents and the proposal for a new and more efficient patient tower is welcomed by all. Johns Hopkins Bayview is the primary hospital for most of the citizens in southeast Baltimore, and these services will greatly increase our quality of life.

Johns Hopkins Bayview is already know as a wonderful resource for those in our community who suffer from a wide range of ailments and health conditions and we look forward to this opportunity to provide modernized services with greater efficiencies. Comprehensive medical care is extremely important to our efforts to support southeast Baltimore as a competitive urban area.

We are pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's endeavor to improve care delivery. Please let us know if there anything further we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth.

Sincerely,

D. Christopher Ryer Executive Director



## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

105 Main Street
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Rev. W. Eric Johnson, Pastor

June 27, 2017

Richard G. Bennett, M.D. President Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center 4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore MD 21224

### Dear Dr. Bennett:

Union Baptist Church of Turner Station of Maryland is pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Certificate of Need application for a new, efficient patient tower and for the modernization of existing patient spaces. Union has been in the community for 124 years and many of our congregants have been and continue to be cared for through the various services that Bayview has historically provided.

The proposal to build a new patient tower is important to our well established community. Bayview has been a very faithful high quality care provider over the years and we believe that this proposed modernization will only improve health care delivery for our community members, especially our elders.

We are pleased to offer our support for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's request. Please let us know if there is anything further we can do to advocate for the Medical Center's continued growth.

Thanks.

W. Eric Johnson Pastor, Union Baptist Church 105 Main St. Baltimore, MD 21222 Phone: 410-282-7944