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Robert E. Moffit, Ph.D., Chair  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Dr. Moffit:

I am writing in response to your letter seeking input on potential reforms to the health planning and certificate of need (CON) programs. As the owner/operator of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, we are very interested in the future of the CON program and the impact it has on our community and the long term care industry.

As members of Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM), we support the position that they have outlined in their letter to you. We believe that the CON process governing capital projects should be maintained but reformed. HFAM has outlined numerous adjustments that would make the process more efficient and fair.

Charles E. Smith Life Communities is very pleased that the Commission has undertaken this review of the CON process.

Sincerely,

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