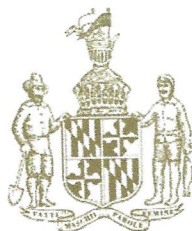


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April 10, 2020

Mr. Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Healthcare Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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RE: April 16th AGENDA – ITEM 5 (Request to remove from agenda)

Dear Mr. Steffen:

The world is in crisis. Leaders in every nation are acting to protect the life and safety of their citizens. We have shortages of hospital beds, equipment and workers. Our Governor has declared a state of emergency, a stay at home order and closed all non-essential businesses.

In the meantime, the Maryland Health Care Commission has issued a meeting agenda for next week that includes an item if approved would result in closing a full- service hospital in Havre de Grace after providing thirty days written notice. Is this a mistake, poor planning, abuse of power, indifference to process or a lack of understand that we are facing a global virus that threatens our civilization?

No immunity, no vaccine, no cure means that until a treatment is discovered we are in a healthcare and economic calamity. Going forward, it is certain that decisions on how healthcare is delivered will be challenged giving the high death toll in Maryland, America and abroad.

Any action to move forward on items #5 is a blatant disregard for public health and a direct assault on the health and safety of the people we represent, therefore we respectfully ask you to remove this item from consideration until this public emergency is over and we have a better understanding of our community healthcare needs.

Sincerely;

Handwritten signature of Steve Johnson in blue ink.

Steve Johnson
Delegate, District 34A

Handwritten signature of Mary Ann Lisanti in blue ink.

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Cc: Governor Larry Hogan, Governor of Maryland
MHCC Commissioners