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The Honorable Thomas McLain Middleton  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Interim Report on Modernization of the Maryland Certificate of Need Program**

Dear Senator Middleton and Delegate Pendergrass:

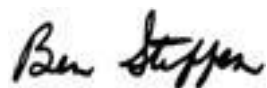
The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is pleased to submit the enclosed interim report on modernizing the Maryland Certificate of Need (CON) Program. This interim report is being submitted in response to your 2017 request for a study on CON reform.

In January, MHCC convened stakeholders in a CON Modernization Task Force. This Task Force provided valuable input on the need for CON, the benefits and costs of CON, and the problems with CON as it is presently implemented. The interim report summarizes comments from regulated health care facilities and others, input from the Task Force and MHCC Commissioners. The interim report does not include recommendations for CON reform and does not represent a final position by MHCC with respect to these issues. It is intended as a template of the key problems and issues that should be addressed in order to reform the CON program. As such it establishes an agenda for the second phase of our work.

MHCC's work with a reconstituted Task Force will continue in the coming months. We plan to submit a final report on CON Modernization in December which will contain recommendations on changing CON regulation.

We welcome any feedback that you have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-764-3566 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Steffen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Steffen  
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Enclosure

cc: Robert Moffit, Maryland Health Care Commission Chair  
Members, Senate Finance Committee  
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee