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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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### Testimony in Support of the Prince George's Hospital System Capital Grant for FY 2017 ZAOON

#### Senate Budget and Taxation Committee – Subcommittee on Capital Budget

Prince George's County supports the \$27.5 million in capital funding in the Governor's Proposed FY 2017 Capital Budget for the Prince George's Hospital System (e.g. Regional Medical Center).

In July 2011, the State, County, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), Dimensions Health Corporation, and University System of Maryland embarked on a landmark partnership to transform the healthcare system in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland, including the construction of a new Regional Medical Center. The \$650 million Regional Medical Center will be located next to the Largo Metro Station in the central part of Prince George's County just off I-495 and Arena Drive.

Once the certificate of need (CON) is approved by the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), Prince George's County will issue \$208 million in bonds to assist in the construction of the new Regional Medical Center. The County funds have been previously approved by the County Council in our capital improvement program.

The new Regional Medical Center project will serve as the catalyst of a transit oriented development project that will spur approximately \$1 billion in additional private investment, and creation in excess of 6,100 jobs.

Under the partnership with UMMS and Dimensions, the healthcare system has seen improvement. One critical example is the expansion of the cardiac program. In less than two years, nearly 150 open heart surgeries have been successfully performed at the Prince George's Hospital Center with performance rates exceeding national indicators.

Prince George's County respectfully requests the committee's support of the \$27.5 million in funding for the Regional Medical Center in FY 2017.