

Joint Resolution 1

(House Joint Resolution 4)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Locating the New Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Maryland

FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. General Services Administration to select for the new Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters one of the two finalist sites located in Maryland; and generally relating to the siting of the new Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

WHEREAS, The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are in the process of selecting a location for the new consolidated headquarters of the FBI; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress directed GSA in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to select a new headquarters site from among three finalist sites, including Greenbelt, Maryland, Landover, Maryland, and Springfield, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the new FBI headquarters project is to consolidate all headquarters employees into a single facility to both improve the mission of the FBI and to save taxpayer money on costly leased facilities; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland stands at the center of national defense and cybersecurity with the National Security Agency, Cyber Command, and the Defense Information Systems Agency at Fort George G. Meade, the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, the U.S. Secret Service Training Center in Laurel, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Laboratory Center in Ammendale, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Cheltenham, along with close access to Joint Base Andrews, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt and Landover contain the two largest sites under consideration and are ready for redevelopment and construction either immediately or within the next 6 to 9 months, and both Greenbelt and Landover sites are either on or near major mass transportation links into Washington, D.C., and around the metro area; and

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden issued an executive order stating that the “Federal government should, consistent with applicable law, allocate resources to address the historic failure to invest sufficiently, justly, and equally in underserved communities, as well as individuals from those communities”; and

WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, home to both Greenbelt and Landover, is the only majority-Black jurisdiction in the National Capital Region and placing the new FBI

headquarters in Prince George's County will give the FBI greater ability to diversify its workforce, along with close access to Bowie State University, a historically Black college or university, which could provide a pipeline of diverse employees; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland stands united that it is in the best interests of the United States of America that the headquarters of the FBI be located at a site that can meet the current security standards, be situated in the middle of a diverse community with a large, educated workforce, be close to major transportation links and other defense and cybersecurity agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, and that the sites at Greenbelt and Landover best meet those requirements; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is committed to fully supporting the relocation of the FBI headquarters, including supporting employee relocation efforts and improving transportation infrastructure at both the Greenbelt and Landover sites; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That GSA is urged to select for the new FBI headquarters one of the two finalist sites located in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to:

(1) the Honorable Robin Carnahan, Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration, 1800 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405;

(2) the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L. Cardin and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Glenn F. Ivey, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, David Trone, Kweisi Mfume, and Jamie Raskin, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;

(3) the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland;

(4) the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and

(5) the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 28, 2023.