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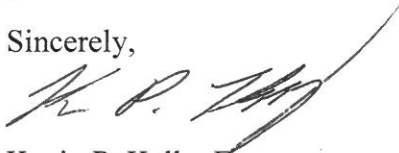
The Honorable Sarah Elfreth
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation
Pensions Subcommittee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Elfreth and Pension Subcommittee Members,

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) supports SB 339 – State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Participation. We have been working diligently with Ms. Murray during the last two years to assist her in reconciling her eligibility requirements for participation as a retiree in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program. UMB has determined that Dr. Murray was provided erroneous information by the University as she made a decision to come to the School of Nursing.

Dr. Murray was a participant in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) during her employment at Anne Arundel Community College prior to her joining the University of Maryland School of Nursing. We support her efforts to have her Anne Arundel and University of Maryland service aggregated to determine her eligibility for subsidized Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits, as she expected based upon the information she was provided when she came to our campus as a faculty member.

Sincerely,



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