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Senator Paul D. Corderman Budget & Taxation Committee 416 James Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB-926 – Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA)

Dear Senator Corderman:

On behalf of Meritus Health, Inc. I would like offer my full support for the SB-926 Maryland Stadium Authority.

This project would provide a multi-use facility that would be a tremendous asset for the health of our community. Health, income and education are intricately linked and this facility will revitalize downtown, attract family activities, and serve as a foundation for a vibrant, family oriented, business supported epicenter that leads to better health for our community.

This project would greatly enhance our recruitment and retention efforts to attract and retain high end talent that rural communities, such as Hagerstown, MD, often struggle to maintain. Potential residents are often looking for vibrant, urban centers as a sign of maturity in a community and this project would offer all of that and more.

Meritus Health is committed to caring for the health of our community and hope that you will offer your support to doing the same by passing this bill. Our community is counting on it.

Sincerely,

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