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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 121
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SUPPORT-HB 1127- Garrett County – Memorial Hospital – Board Membership and Meetings

Chair Pendergrass and members of the Committee:

On behalf of Chairman Edwards and the Board of County Commissioners I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in favor of House Bill 1127-Garrett County - Memorial Hospital - Board Membership and Meetings.

Garrett County Memorial Hospital (Garrett Regional Medical Center) was established in 1946 through provisions of a will from Mr. George Loar and is a "instrumentality" of County government.

While Garrett County does not operate or manage the normal operations of the hospital, the County does own the property, and under Section 36.03 of the Code of Public Local Laws for Garrett County, Maryland, has oversight responsibility.

House Bill 1127 will modify the number of members on the Board of Governors, reducing the number of Board members from 15 to 9.

The Board members include:

Three County Commissioner or their designee
President of the Town Council of the Town of Oakland or their designee
One person from the medical staff
Four at-large members from the community.

The request to being made to better organize the operations of the Board of Governors and is supported by the Board of Governors, Garrett Hospital, the Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Oakland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



County Administrator

