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Senate Bill 589

University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus – Employees – Authorization to Fund-Raise

Position: Favorable

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

As the President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), I am writing **in support of SB589-University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus – Employees-Authorization to Fund-Raise.**

In 1984, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that created the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation as a separate entity from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, “while assuring a compatible and mutually beneficial relationship with the University.” (Maryland Code, Education 13-302(7)). In particular, Maryland Code, Education 13-303 (j) requires that the UMMS “*Board of Directors will coordinate with University fund-raising efforts all Medical System Corporation campaigns and solicitations for private gifts and proposals for private or federal grants.*”

UMMC and The University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) are tightly linked and committed to working together to transform healthcare as we share the same mission for education, research, innovation and patient care. We have a joint priority to work together in our fundraising efforts to support this shared mission.

Grateful patients and families want to express gratitude to their entire care team, which consists of both UMSOM physicians and UMMC personnel. For example, the UMMC oncology team consists of UMSOM oncologists and researchers as well as UMMC physician leaders, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, social workers, etc.

By working as the team that we are, UMSOM and UMMC can approach major donors together, and allow the donors to impact an array of options within a program, based on the donor’s interest and better fulfill donor intent by allowing the recipients to include both UMSOM and UMMC. Together, we can more successfully leverage State Capital commitments to attract private philanthropic investment in clinical programs that benefit patients from every jurisdiction in our State and beyond.

We are simply looking to do what our peers in academic medicine have done successfully for years – work together to raise money for our mutual success in elevating the healthcare we provide. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bert W. O'Malley".

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