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**Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 589: University of Maryland  
Baltimore Campus – Employees – Authorization to Fund–Raise**

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Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee,

Senate bill 589 will permit an exemption within the state ethics law to allow the employees of the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus to raise funds and help support the University of Maryland Medical Center.

The 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.” Furthermore 13-305 (c) allows for officials or employees of the University to be directors, officials or employees of the Medical System Corporation and participate in matters involving the Corporation.

However, under the General Provisions Article – Sections 5-505 and 5-506 of the State Ethics Law, UMB employees are not allowed to solicit private gifts and proposals on behalf of a non-profit entity such as University of Maryland Medical Center.

UMB is seeking an exemption in order for employees to work as fundraisers seeking support for projects of UMB and the Medical System Corporation. The combined fund-raising office will manage fundraising priorities for UMMC and University of Maryland, Baltimore’s School of Medicine through a single coordinated approach for a seamless, integrated and uniform gift solicitation and acceptance policies. There will be guiding principles for efficient fund management policies and procedures that follow best practice financial guidelines; and, integrated reporting systems and donor database management that follow industry best practices, State law and policies of the Board of Regents.

Thus, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 589.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Hayes'.

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