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Kite Pharma  
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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary  
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee  
Room 131 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 418-Economic Development – More Jobs for Marylanders Program – Extension and Alterations**

Dear Chair Atterbeary:

On behalf of Kite Pharma, Inc., a cell therapy company focused on curing cancer, I am writing to share our support for HB 418, legislation that will extend the availability of the More Jobs for Marylanders Program through 2027. Kite's cell therapy manufacturing facility in Frederick, Maryland has been fortunate to be an approved participant in the program and would like to share how the program has benefited our company, our growing workforce, and the state of Maryland.

More Jobs for Marylanders launched in 2017 with the goal of promoting growth in the manufacturing sector in Maryland. The program was made available to both new and existing manufacturers locating or expanding the state. For businesses who create new manufacturing jobs, the program makes tax credits available. For those who may be modernizing with investments in new equipment, the program offers accelerated and bonus depreciation. And for businesses looking to invest in their employees through job training or creating new pathways to employment with apprenticeship programs, grants and tax credits are available.

As a program participant, Kite can attest to the benefits for manufacturing businesses, their employees, and the state. Kite has invested more than \$200M in the Frederick site, and to date, has hired more than 250 individuals, mostly Maryland residents, with plans to grow to over 400 employees by the end of 2022. The continuation of this program will enable us to grow to meet the needs of the cancer patients we serve in Maryland and throughout the country. It will also enable our continued support of the local community, which includes an apprenticeship program with Frederick Community College and engagement with the Governor's Life Science Advisory Board.

We would ask for your support of HB 418, legislation that will allow businesses in Maryland to create the jobs of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Stamper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian J. Stamper  
Sr. Director of Manufacturing, Kite Pharma