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To The Honorable Members of Maryland's General Assembly:

There is current legislation proposed in the State of Maryland in the form of Senate Bill 493 and House Bill 675 to establish the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland with a purpose to research the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for operating, capital, and workforce costs. UPMC Western Maryland is in full support of these bills.

A hospital's commitment to being a trauma center requires considerable resource allocation. Since the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund was created in 2003 to provide reimbursement to Maryland trauma centers, a thorough review of the Maryland Trauma System and Fund has not been performed despite the evolution of trauma care and substantial system growth.

Please accept this letter as our urge to all legislators to vote in favor of these bills so that Maryland trauma center funding needs can be better appreciated.

Sincerely,

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