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Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### Re: HB0214 Commission on Public Health – Establishment

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The College Park City Council voted unanimously during our meeting on January 31, 2023 to support HB0214 to establish a Commission on Public Health. This Commission would make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the State, and require the Commission to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments to provide foundational public health services. Additionally, it would require an assessment of the State's response to COVID-19 and overdose deaths, and to racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality and birth outcomes.

Thank you for your sponsorship of this important legislation, and congratulations on your appointment as chair of this committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat. Wojahn".

Patrick Wojahn  
Mayor

cc: 21st District Delegation