



**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**House Bill 793**

**University System of Maryland – Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

**March 12, 2025**

**Favorable**

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 793.

The USM is comprised of twelve distinguished institutions, and three regional centers. We award eight out of every ten bachelor's degrees in the State. Each of USM's 12 institutions has a distinct and unique approach to the mission of educating students and promoting the economic, intellectual, and cultural growth of its surrounding community. These institutions are located throughout the state, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, with the flagship campus in the Washington suburbs. The USM includes three Historically Black Institutions, comprehensive institutions and research universities, and the country's largest public online institution.

House Bill 793 is a departmental bill that authorizes the use of \$30 million in academic facilities bonds for the purpose of financing construction, renovation, and renewal projects at University System of Maryland (USM) buildings and campuses. Similar legislation has been approved regularly each year on behalf of the USM.

Specifically, the bill authorizes \$5 million in academic facilities bonds for the following:

- University of Maryland, College Park (Prince George's County): Campuswide Building Systems and Infrastructure improvements.

Additionally, \$25 million is included for facilities renewal on buildings across the system. Again, thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments and we ask for a favorable report on House Bill 793.



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