

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 818  
State Center – Development – Contract, Plan Requirements, and Advisory Group**

Budget & Taxation Committee  
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Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 818.

The University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus is proud to serve as an anchor institution in West Baltimore. For generations, we have provided high-quality health care services while working alongside community partners to strengthen economic opportunity, neighborhood vitality, and overall community well-being.

Senate Bill 818 emphasizes ongoing engagement and transparency throughout the planning and development process. Long-term projects of this scale require trust, collaboration, and consistent communication among developers, state agencies, anchor institutions, and residents.

As an anchor institution located in close proximity to State Center, Midtown Campus understands that redevelopment efforts must advance both economic growth and community well-being. Thoughtful development can:

- Expand employment pathways for local residents
- Increase access to services and amenities
- Strengthen neighborhood stability
- Enhance long-term health and equity outcomes

State Center represents a significant opportunity to catalyze inclusive growth in Baltimore City; an opportunity that should be approached intentionally, transparently, and with sustained community partnership.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to strengthening Baltimore communities.

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