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Dear Delegate Wims,

On behalf of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, I am writing to confirm our willingness to support the feasibility study referenced in Maryland House Bill 1280, the "Supporting Our Caregiver Infrastructure Program."

Professor Liu Yang and Professor Vojislav Maksimovic of the Smith School have discussed the proposed scope of the study with your office. The study would involve data collection, empirical analysis, and the preparation of a report to inform policymakers on the feasibility and potential implementation considerations of the proposed program.

Based on the current scope, the estimated cost to conduct the study is approximately \$60,000 per year, and the work is expected to take approximately 2 **years** to complete. The study will be conducted by the faculty investigators with support from graduate student researchers.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute academic expertise to public policy discussions in Maryland. Please note that any formal engagement would be subject to the University of Maryland's standard review and approval procedures.

If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Prabhudev Konana".

Prabhudev Konana
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