

August 12, 2010

Marilyn Moon, Pd.D., Chair  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

RE: Clarksburg Community Hospital

Dear Ms. Moon:

I am writing to express my support – and that of the greater Community of Upper Montgomery County – for the Clarksburg Hospital.

It is widely believed – by both Community members, elected officials and Health Care professionals – that Clarksburg is the best location for a new hospital and medical campus to serve the fast-growing communities of Upper Montgomery County and lower Frederick County.

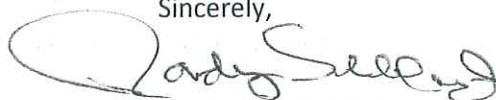
The Clarksburg Plan is so strong because it is the only plan that:

- Provides the best access to care
- Has all major land, traffic and environmental approvals
- Does not place other health-care services at risk
- Will bring significant economic development and jobs to the region
- Was planned with the Community and County from the beginning and, as I noted,
- Has broad community and political support

For more than 100 years, Adventist HealthCare has been committed to meeting the health care needs of the community while also being an important Community partner.

I believe that the Clarksburg Community Hospital is the prudent next step in fulfilling that commitment.

Sincerely,



Randy L. Scritchfield

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Enclosure