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Kenneth E. Glover, Chair
Prince George's County Hospital Authority
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Dear Chairman Glover,


As a community health care provider serving the residents of Prince George's County, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington is dedicated to ensuring that Prince George's County residents have access to quality, affordable health care. I applaud the work of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority in its efforts to secure a bidder who will not only continue, but also enhance the services offered to residents.

Of particular concern to PPMW is that the Hospital System continues to provide comprehensive reproductive health services. The successful bidder for the hospital system must ensure that the women and families of Prince George's County have access to family planning services, abortion care, pre- and post-natal care, emergency contraception, sexual assault treatment, and prevention, testing, and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

The infant mortality rate in Prince George's County was 10.4 deaths per 1,000 live births, well above Maryland's average of 8 deaths per 1,000 live births. Prince George's County has the second-highest rate in Maryland for STIs and the second-highest number of HIV cases, and, consequently, reproductive health services are essential.

I applaud the Authority's diligence in finding a successful bidder for the Hospital System that will continue to ensure access to comprehensive care to the residents of Prince George's County, including the full range of reproductive health services, with a legally binding commitment to provision of these critical services.

Sincerely,


Laura Meyers, PhD
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