



July 11, 2022

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cardin and Senator Van Hollen:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is in strong support of locating the proposed Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) in Montgomery County. For this reason, we thank you for your support and efforts to ensure that Maryland, and preferably Montgomery County, can fairly compete for the ARPA-H agency headquarters.

When President Biden proposed the creation of ARPA-H to improve the U.S. government's ability to speed biomedical and health research on March 15, 2022, MCCC and other business and economic development advocates in the region touted a location with proximity to the National Institutes of Health in Montgomery County. Montgomery County is one of the premier locations in the world in the field of advanced biomedical and health research. These assets, including government entities and cutting-edge private sector enterprises, comprise one of leading job creation engines in the region. Locating ARPA-H here in Montgomery County will prime Maryland to further enhance its role as a global leader in advances to prevent, treat, and even cure a range of diseases.

Again, thank you for fighting for Maryland! We look forward to continuing to partner with you on ways to move Montgomery County forward. As you continue your important work, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgette Godwin".

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin
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Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce