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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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The Honorable Larry Hogan, Jr.
Governor
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

We the undersigned elected members of the Frederick Legislative County Delegation do hereby state and communicate to you our strong opposition to the recent action and decision of the Maryland General Assembly in which it is proposed that 2 legislative action items take place concerning the Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center, namely,

1. Preauthorizing for fiscal 2021 in the capital budget an item totaling \$1.5 million for a capital infrastructure of public amenities associated with the development of a new Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center; and
2. Repurposing in House Bill 1347 grant funds from the 2016 and the 2017 capital budgets (which were not processed or used) in the total amount of \$5 million for the Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center to be for the downtown public parking garage project.

This proposed action by the Maryland General Assembly totaling \$6.5 million was taken without any prior public notice, hearing or discussion of these matters and without any public knowledge of the facts and information concerning this repurposing. Furthermore, these two proposed items never were brought up or discussed before the Frederick County Legislative Delegation at any time, notwithstanding, the fact that the Frederick County Legislative Delegation has since the beginning of session held weekly public meetings for discussion and action on legislative matters concerning Frederick County.

Enclosed for your convenient reference are copies of the legislative documents referred to. We oppose these legislative actions and ask please that you not fund any of them. These proposals do not have the majority support or vote of the Frederick County Delegation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Hough in black ink.

Senator Michael Hough
Vice Chair, Frederick County Delegation

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