UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
FY 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET TESTIMONY

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UMB's main campus and BioPark on the Westside of Baltimore City

Good morning. Thank you for this opportunity to briefly discuss the FY 2019 capital request for UMB before you today.

The **Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades** project is critical to UMB and our continuing ability to improve the human condition through leadership in education, research, clinical care, and public service.

As I have stated for the past several years, the electrical infrastructure serving UMB is old and fragile and lacking redundancy. Electrical failures have happened in the past, and every day we live with the threat that there will be another. The impact could be devastating—classes might have to be canceled; valuable research could be lost; and patient care could be interrupted.

I appreciate your understanding of the severity of the problem, and I'm grateful for the FY 2017 and FY 2018 appropriations for the design of the substations and duct bank.

This year, I am **requesting $8.564 million in G.O. Bonds** to begin the construction phase of this project. With these funds, we will begin building a two-story structure to house a new north

substation and recycling replacement facility. **I am also requesting that you preauthorize FY 2020 construction funding** to enable construction to proceed to completion without interruption.

The total project cost is $78.952 million, with future funding requests extending over another six years. The University has committed to fund $3 million of the construction work, and we have entered into an agreement with the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), which will fund the portion of the project that will directly benefit it. The exact amount of UMMC's contribution will be determined as construction costs are realized.

In closing, I thank you again for supporting UMB and our Central Electrical Infrastructure project, and I'll now answer any questions you may have.