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**Coppin State University**  
**Testimony in Support of Proposed Capital Budget**  
**Appropriation for Coppin State University**  
**Joint Capital Budget Subcommittee**  
**Chairs: Senator Douglas J.J. Peters and Delegate Ben Barnes**  
**March 9, 2021**

Good Afternoon, Messrs. Chairmen, and members of the joint subcommittee:

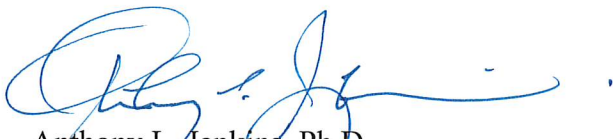
On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Coppin State University, I would like to thank you for your diligent work in support of higher education, in general, and Coppin State University in particular. Your unwavering support in serving the educational needs and aspirations of the well-deserving residents of this great State is appreciated. I share your commitment to this advocacy of higher education and, especially, to the advocacy of enabling Coppin State University to continue its mission of educating the citizens of Maryland and providing necessary service to the community.

Coppin State University is now moving into the final phase of renovating the Percy Julian Science Building. The Percy Julian Science Building was originally designed as a science building with lab space, built-in lab tables and benches. The university has sought to repurpose the Percy Julian Building with a focus on housing the College of Business. Additionally, the Percy Julian Building will serve as an economic development hub for West Baltimore. In 2014, Coppin State University requested \$3.4M for planning funds for the renovation of the Percy Julian Building. This request was deferred by the General Assembly. In 2015, the Senate added language pre-authorizing \$1.2M partial planning funds for FY2016 and the House concurred. However, the Governor's CIP for planned funds deferred the funds until FY2017, resulting in a third deferral of this project. In FY2017, the project was placed in the Governor's supplemental budget but was again deferred to FY2018. Previously projected funding of the project for FY2021 was cut by \$10M. This year's recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services, provides for the recoupment of the \$10M cut from FY2021, and the proposed final funding necessary to complete the project on time in FY2022.

Coppin State University greatly appreciates and concurs with the recommendations of the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services for the \$32.851M to finalize this project. Accordingly, Coppin State University respectfully requests a

favorable report from this joint subcommittee adopting the recommendations of the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Jenkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
President  
Coppin State University