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Dear Baltimore,

Our city has long been at the forefront of innovative public health initiatives, including leading the nation in deploying mobile health services to connect residents in underserved communities with access to quality, affordable health services. Through programs like our Community Paramedicine Program – a partnership with the Baltimore City Fire Department, University of Maryland Medical Center and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, we demonstrated success leveraging mobile integrated health to reduce health disparities, decrease emergency room visits, and prevent hospital readmissions. In communities with disproportionately poor health outcomes, we know that access to mobile integrated health can help bridge the access gap and get our residents access to the treatment they need in a convenient and cost-effective manner.

The Baltimore Mobile Health Consensus Conference led by the University of Maryland School of Medicine brought together stakeholders to create a strategic roadmap to guide the coordination and sustainability of mobile health services in Baltimore. This roadmap will be instrumental in addressing the challenges and opportunities we face, ensuring that our mobile health initiatives are not only effective but also resilient and adaptable to the evolving needs of our population.

To this end, the City of Baltimore reaffirms our commitment to mobile integrated health as a strategy to reduce healthcare fragmentation and deliver services to residents in out of hospital environments.

We support:

- Establishing a Mobile Healthcare Board that will oversee joint mobile healthcare efforts and coordinate efforts for data sharing and sustainable funding.
- Integrating mobile healthcare into the city's healthcare systems to improve coverage, targeting, coordination, and referral for patients who need longer, more complex care.
- Developing plans for long-term sustainability that includes payers, City and State governments.
- Establishing a means to link data systems to allow transfer of patient information and secure communication between the units providing care and within the healthcare systems.
- Integrating community health workers/community advocates into all mobile healthcare efforts.

By taking on these efforts, we can work to ensure that every resident has access to the care they need.

In Service,

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