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Mr. Ronald R. Peterson  
The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System  
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

I read with great interest the recent article in the *Baltimore Sun* ("Bringing the doctor to the patient, Johns Hopkins works to bridge gap with community") detailing several of the programs offered by the Johns Hopkins Health System to help patients address the many challenges that a chronic condition or a serious diagnosis can create.

I was particularly encouraged to read about the "Medicine for the Greater Good" program being implemented at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, which requires medical residents to undertake a community service project as part of their training. Such programs will help address the significant unmet needs of the Baltimore community while also helping doctors to gain a greater understanding of the complex issues many patients face and of what they can do in their practices to help their patients lead better lives.

I hope the "Medicine for the Greater Good" program can eventually include all of the Hopkins Health System, and I hope you will let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in ensuring the success of your community support programs.

Thank you for all that you do to help meet the health care needs of Baltimore residents.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings  
Member of Congress

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