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Attached please find my written testimony regarding Council Bill 27.

Thank you,

Louis Jay Ulman

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February 16, 2017

VIA EMAIL: [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)

Howard County Council  
Honorable Calvin Ball, Chair  
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Honorable Greg Fox  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
George Howard Building  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Council Members:

Please accept this letter as my written testimony in favor of Council Bill 27. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the hearing on February 21.

I have practiced law in Howard County for the last 30 years. Although I am not a trial attorney, I have numerous occasions to visit the Register of Wills office and do appear before the Orphans Court in connection with estate proceedings and in the Circuit Court in connection with trust and guardianship proceedings. It is clear to me that the growth in Howard County has far outpaced the ability of the courthouse to provide a safe and efficient facility for our judges, litigants, witnesses and others having business with our judicial system.

Some of the issues in connection with the courthouse are:

1. My clients complain that it often takes a very long time to obtain a trial date in the Circuit Court. It is my understanding that we are eligible to have an additional judge provided as long as we have a courtroom to service that judge.

2. Parking is extremely difficult and I have had elderly clients who have difficulty both parking and also accessing the courthouse, particularly the Register of Wills office.

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3. I have been informed that the courthouse lacks the proper technology to allow trial attorneys to use Wi-Fi and other technology to assist them in properly presenting their cases.

I strongly urge your support for this bill in order to provide all of the citizens of Howard County a courthouse that will support the proper administration of justice and provide for the safety and convenience of the citizens of Howard County.

Respectfully yours,



Louis Jay Ulman

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