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Dear Deans Reece and Rothman:

The University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University have played a vital role in Maryland's statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank your medical faculty and students for their efforts in assisting our state's COVID-19 pandemic response thus far.

As you are aware, there is an overwhelming need for trained health care personnel across the state, especially in our hospitals and nursing homes. We urge you, in consultation with your faculty, to make every effort to encourage and incentivize your medical students to get involved in our state's COVID-19 healthcare response efforts. As our metrics continue to increase we need their help now more than ever, especially through the spring semester, by volunteering or working in our hospitals and nursing homes. Their efforts now would directly save the lives of thousands of Marylanders stricken by COVID-19.

We ask that you work with the relevant accrediting bodies, hospitals and nursing homes to develop innovative ways by which your students can help - by providing academic credit, early graduation, or even simple adjustments to class schedules to allow willing volunteers to help in our statewide response effort.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Jinlene Chan, Acting Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, at [jinlene.chan1@maryland.gov](mailto:jinlene.chan1@maryland.gov) or Christine Farrelly, Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Physicians at [christine.farrelly@maryland.gov](mailto:christine.farrelly@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan  
Governor