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June 15, 2026

Dr. Darryll J. Pines
President
University of Maryland College Park
1101 Main Administration Building
College Park, MD 20740

Dear President Pines:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from the University of Maryland College Park to substantially modify the existing Master Public Health (M.P.H.) to add an Area of Concentration (AoC).

I am pleased to inform you that the substantial modification is approved for implementation in Fall 2026. This decision is based on an analysis of the program proposal in conjunction with the law and regulations governing academic program approval, in particular Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.02.03. As required by COMAR, the Commission circulated the proposal to the Maryland higher education community for comment and objection; no objections were received during the 30-day circulation period. The program meets COMAR's requirements and demonstrates potential for success, an essential factor in making this decision.

For the purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

Program Title	Award	Credits	HEGIS	CIP	Modality
Public Health AoC: Global, Environmental, and Occupational Health	M.P.H.	45	1214.00	51.2201	Dual

Should the University of Maryland College Park desire to make a substantial modification to the program in the future, review by the Commission will be necessary. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Quiroz-Livanis".

Elena Quiroz-Livanis
Interim Secretary

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