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Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Ave  
Rockville, MD 20850

**RE: Special Appropriation - DHHS - \$450,000 for Pediatric Mobile Medical Vehicle**

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the Special Appropriation for a Pediatric Mobile Medical Vehicle in Montgomery County. As you may be aware, Casa Ruben is a non-profit organization operating in the County that provides comprehensive health care services to low-income people, immigrants, and families of color. It is my understanding that during the pandemic, Casa Ruben found that there were delays in children receiving their needed vaccinations, and that as a result, it was taking a long time for some children to be able to enroll in County schools.

I believe it is critically important to provide mobile medical care to underserved and disenfranchised communities, particularly to children to ensure that they are able to enroll in school without delay. I strongly support this initiative to implement a pediatric mobile medical vehicle. This initiative would improve overall vaccination rates among children, which protects not only the children's health, but also the health of their families and the community. It would also bring much needed services to underserved communities, and would help ensure that newcomer and disadvantaged children can access the vaccinations they need to enable them to enroll in school as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Montgomery County resident