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**Congressman Van Hollen Statement to the  
Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee on  
FBI Headquarters Consolidation**

Chairman Barletta, Ranking Member Norton, I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony today on the consolidation of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) headquarters in the National Capital Region. As you know, this is a significant lease, consolidating 11,000 employees in a single location. The Senate prospectus for this project calls for up to 2.1 million square feet on up to 55 acres.

As the General Services Administration (GSA) and FBI explore possible locations for this project, I strongly urge them to consider the full range of options in suburban Maryland with the GSA's criteria to find the best value for the taxpayer and the best space for their employees.

Additionally, as the Committee considers prospectuses in the National Capital Region, I would like to call attention to the ongoing issue of jurisdiction rent caps. As you know, the National Capital Region is the only region in the nation where GSA sets rental cap rates by jurisdiction rather than by project. This has been a problem for suburban Maryland, where the current \$35 cap is particularly restrictive. Often, in order to remain competitive, local jurisdictions must subsidize lease construction projects with tax abatements and other incentives. I look forward to working with the Subcommittee, GSA, and my colleagues in the region to find a fair and equitable solution that ensures maximum competition and taxpayer value.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to submit brief testimony today and look forward to continuing to work with the Subcommittee as it finalizes its resolution and continues oversight of this important project.