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TO: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair  
Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
The Honorable Marice Morales

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DATE: March 22, 2017

RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 184 – *Public Health – Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder – Identification and Posting of Information*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 184 as amended by the House.

It is our understanding that the sponsor's intent in introducing this legislation is to increase the education and awareness of parents and families of children diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) regarding the recommended treatment guidelines for the disorder. As amended by the House, that objective is realized through an approach that is based on a similar initiative regarding Down's Syndrome that was the subject of legislation in 2014. As amended, the legislation charges the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to identify evidenced-based information and relevant services and organizations of support for families and post that information on both the DHMH website and make it available to providers who may share the information with their patients as appropriate. The outcome of the process employed with respect to Down's Syndrome was very successful and achieved an objective that mirrored our understanding of the sponsor's objective with respect to ADHD. MedChi and MDAAP request a favorable report on House Bill 184 as amended by the House.

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