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TO: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chairman
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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 165 – *Health Occupations –
Therapy Management Contracts – Repeal of Sunset*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 165 with amendment.

MedChi supports Senate Bill 165 with one amendment. Rather than making the law governing physician-pharmacist agreements permanent, as the bill does, MedChi believes the legislation should be made to sunset again within two to three years. MedChi understands that the Board of Physicians and the Board of Pharmacy intend to study the protocols that are contained in therapy management contracts and consider some limitations upon them. Second, MedChi understands that the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy is conducting some further study of therapy management contracts, and is due to report its findings at some point in the next year or so.

MedChi believes it prudent to revisit the law again once these efforts are completed and their results known in 2 to 3 years.

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