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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 528 – *Vehicle Laws – Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child*

On behalf of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), we support House Bill 528.

House Bill 528 seeks to prevent children from being exposed to smoke in automobiles. Secondhand smoke in automobiles can be particularly concentrated and the long term health consequences for children profound. MedChi and MDAAP strongly support all efforts to reduce children's exposure to secondhand smoke. House Bill 528, if enacted, will eliminate a particularly harmful source of exposure.

MedChi and MDAAP strongly support the passage of House Bill 528.

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