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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 30 – *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 Senate Bill 30.

Senate Bill 30 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. Senate Bill 30, if enacted, will eliminate a particularly harmful source of exposure.

MedChi and MDAAP strongly support the passage of Senate Bill 30.

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