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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 856 – *Task Force on Community Health Workers*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 856.

House Bill 856 establishes a Task Force to examine the role of community health workers in the health care system. The Task Force would make recommendations for training and practice standards, examine the utilization, financing and impact of community health workers, and look into their reimbursement.

MedChi believes that this study will result in valuable information as to the role and function of community health workers in the future, and therefore supports the passage of House Bill 856.

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