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TO:	The Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr., Chair Members, House Judiciary Committee The Honorable Karen Lewis Young
FROM:	Pamela Metz Kasemeyer Joseph A. Schwartz, III J. Steven Wise Danna L. Kauffman
DATE:	March 4, 2015
RE:	<b>SUPPORT</b> – House Bill 423 – Driving Under the Influence – Ignition Interlock System Program

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 423.

MedChi applauds the Senator for her efforts to strengthen Maryland's drunk driving laws. House Bill 423 proposes to expand Maryland's ignition interlock program to include anyone convicted of a drunk driving violation. While MedChi is not able to assess the legal implications of the proposed expansion to sufficiently comment on the details of the provisions, it encourages the Committee to consider the proposal as a component of the General Assembly's commitment to reduce drunk driving and enhance the safety of our roadways.

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