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TO: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair  
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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 549 – *Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Dispensing of Drugs Under a Delegation Agreement*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 7,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, **supports** Senate Bill 549.

Senate Bill 549 allows a physician assistant (“PA”) to dispense medication so long as this activity is authorized in the delegation agreement between the two parties. The delegation agreement outlines the relationship between the physician and the PA, and is specific to each PA. By allowing the physician to decide whether or not to include dispensing privileges within a PA’s delegation agreement, the law properly permits a physician to decide on a case by case basis whether to allow for dispensing. MedChi supports this legislation because of the flexibility provided to the physician, and the fact that dispensing remains subject to the delegation agreement and the supervision of the physician.

For these reasons, MedChi respectfully requests that the Committee support Senate Bill 549.

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