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MedChi and MHA thank Governor Ehrlich, Senate President Miller, House Speaker Busch, and the Members of the General Assembly for their energetic efforts in working to solve the medical liability crisis facing the patients of Maryland.

While there are clearly positive elements in the compromise bill passed early this morning by the General Assembly, we are analyzing the overall package of proposals and their impact. Following this analysis, our respective organizations will consult with our members and our decision-making bodies to determine our respective positions. We will hold a joint press conference on Tuesday, January 4 to announce our position.

MedChi and MHA applaud the spirit and the energy of this week's special session. Medical liability reform remains crucial to the quality of Maryland's health care delivery system, and we will continue to work with the State's leaders to assure that this crisis is resolved.

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