TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee The Honorable Clarence K. Lam

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RE: SUPPORT – Senate Bill 732 – Health Occupations – Athletic Training – Revisions

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports Senate Bill 732.

This legislation allows an athletic trainer to treat individuals who are not “athletes” and removes certain restrictions on the settings in which the trainer can practice. Importantly, the legislation retains the requirement that the trainer practice “under the supervision of a licensed physician”. This requires the physician to provide ongoing and immediately available instruction to the trainer. The physician and trainer are also required to maintain an “evaluation and treatment protocol” that establishes the terms of the relationship between the two.

Because these safeguards are in place and are retained under this legislation, MedChi supports Senate Bill 732.

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