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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 623 – *Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Essential Health Care Workers*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 623.

House Bill 623 provides a subtraction modification on the Maryland income tax of an “essential health care worker”, which is defined to include physicians, nurses, and EMS providers. The modification applies for tax years 2021 and 2022.

The General Assembly is well aware of the personal sacrifices that these health care workers have made since March of 2020. Working in emergency rooms and other settings with endless lines of COVID-19 patients as well as other non-COVID patients for nearly 2 years now, these professionals have placed not only themselves but their families and loved ones in harm’s way. While this is their chosen profession, no one entered the health care field with the knowledge that the events of the past 2 years would come to pass. These providers have gone well beyond the normal call of duty.

House Bill 623 is a gesture by the State to show its appreciation for the sacrifices of these health care workers. We think it is well deserved and hope that the Committee will agree.

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