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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 289 – *Peace Orders – Workplace Violence*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 289.

House Bill 289 authorizes an employer to file a petition for a peace order on behalf of an employer's employee that alleges the commission of violence against the employee at the employee's workplace. There have been increasing acts of violence against health care providers that occur at emergency departments and other health care facilities. Often an employee is afraid to file a Petition due to fear of retaliation and further violence. Passage of House Bill 289 will provide an additional tool to protect health care providers by authorizing the employer to file a Peace Order on their behalf. MedChi urges a favorable report.

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