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**MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
PRESENTS SENATOR MELONY GRIFFITH WITH AWARD**

BALTIMORE, November 9, 2022 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is excited to announce their 2022 legislative awards winners.

Senator Melony Griffith, who represents District 25 in Prince Georges County, was awarded a Legislative Award for her advocacy work on issues relevant to MedChi, its members, and the patients and families MedChi serves. Of specific note is the critical leadership role she took on in ensuring that the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) received a significant increase in funding during the 2022 Session. She has also been a strong supporter of MedChi's effort to return Medicaid E & M Code payment rates to 100% parity with Medicare.

A member of the Senate since 2019, Senator Griffith currently serves as the Senate's President *Pro Tem*. She is currently a member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee where she serves as Chair of the Pensions Subcommittee. She also serves on numerous other Senate Committees and workgroups. Previously she served as Member of the House of Delegates from 1999 to 2015.

Senator Griffith's commitment to public services is not limited to her involvement in the Maryland General Assembly. She is a licensed clinical social worker and public health specialist whose career has been focused on public health, education, and other issues that positively impact residents across the state of Maryland.

MedChi CEO, Gene Ransom, would like to extend his sincere gratitude to Senator Griffith and acknowledge her continued work as a champion of healthcare equity and supporter of vulnerable populations, as evidenced by her strong voting record.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).