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TO: The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairman  
Members, Senate Finance Committee  
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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 723 – *Health Insurance – Clinically Integrated Organizations*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 723.

Senate Bill 723 is an initiative which would assist TriState Health Partners, a physician hospital organization being created in Washington County. TriState has received a five year anti-trust exemption from the Federal Trade Commission and seeks to create a patient centered organization which will feature a high degree of cooperation and collaboration between the Washington County Hospital and its affiliated physicians. Senate Bill 723 would exempt this experiment from limitations on the payment of bonuses and incentive payments (pg. 3, lines 16-22) as well as to provide for the sharing of patient medical information.

MedChi believes that the Washington County initiative deserves full support and that all bureaucratic roadblocks to this promising experiment should be removed. Moreover, MedChi would urge resistance to any amendment which would create such roadblocks and would ask for a favorable report on Senate Bill 723.

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