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TO: The Honorable Sheila E. Hixson, Chairman
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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 340 – *Income Tax Credit for Services Donated to Community Health Organizations*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) which represents over 6,500 Maryland physicians and their patients supports House Bill 340.

House Bill 340 seeks to develop a program whereby 501(c)(3) charitable community health organizations may take advantage of tax credits that have been annually allocated by the state. The program is administered by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Under the bill, tax credits could be allocated to health professionals who donate their time to these community organizations.

While MedChi strongly encourages all its members to provide charitable assistance to community organizations, there are undoubtedly many organizations who have difficulty finding sufficient numbers of health care professionals to meet the needs of the organization. The proposed programs would provide a community organization with an additional tool to secure those health professionals it needs to complete its mission.

MedChi believes House Bill 340 will be beneficial to those professionals and organizations who are committed to serving the needs of the uninsured and disadvantaged. MedChi urges a favorable report.

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