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TO: The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairman
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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 593 – *Medical Assistance Program – Health Care for Mothers, Children, Seniors, and Individuals with Disabilities – Pilot Program*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,600 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 593.

Senate Bill 593 proposes the creation of a pilot project for low income women, children and dually eligible individuals. It is targeted at an area where there is a shortage of primary care physicians and where the health care needs of the community are not currently well served. The pilot looks to both enhance the provision of health care services and build a workforce infrastructure to ensure the continued service to the community after the conclusion of the pilot programs. MedChi is supportive of creative efforts to enhance access to quality health care services in medically challenged communities and to enhance primary care physician workforce capacity. It appears that those objectives are reflected in Senate Bill 593.

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