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TO: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chairman
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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 102 – *Health – Use of Alternate Care Sites During a State of Emergency - Authorization*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 102.

Senate Bill 102 authorizes the Governor, in a declared state of emergency, to promulgate reasonable orders, rules, or regulations that authorize the use of “alternate care sites” by accredited health care facilities. “Alternate care sites” may be needed during a large-scale public health epidemic or accident to help manage needed health services to the public. Senate Bill 102 seeks to ensure that, under these circumstances, these sites are properly authorized and that health care facilities can be reimbursed for care provided. MedChi supports this bill and appreciates the recognition given to assisting health care facilities in managing operations both during and following a declared state of emergency. MedChi respectfully requests a favorable vote.

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