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MedChi wishes to register its strong support for the proposed budget of the Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC). The CHRC was first created to provide a mechanism for the State to provide grant funding to creative community based projects with the objective of identifying approaches to addressing Maryland's access to care challenges in underserved communities. It has been an invaluable force in Maryland's ongoing effort to assure adequate access to high quality health care services to all Maryland residents. Furthermore, the grant program the CHRC administers has leveraged thousands of dollars in additional federal and private funding in support of the projects identified and funded through the CHRC.

The CHRC's impact on this objective is notable and has been recognized by policymakers as new initiatives related to the medically underserved have been identified. Furthermore, as Maryland continues its implementation on the new All-Payer Hospital Waiver, partnerships between hospitals and community based providers will be a critical component of the State's ability to meet the requirements of the waiver. The CHRC can play a critical role in fostering and evaluating the effectiveness of those partnerships and their impact on the communities they serve. MedChi fully supports the work of the CHRC and urges the adoption of the CHRC budget as proposed.

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