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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) wishes to register its strong support for 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. 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, 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 has been an invaluable force in Maryland's ongoing effort to assure adequate access to high quality health care services to all Maryland residents. MedChi fully supports the work of the CHRC and urges this Committee to retain the full funding reflected in the Governor's budget which is consistent with the funding requirements reflected in the CHRC statute.

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