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TO: The Honorable Bobby A. Zirkin, Chair
Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable Cheryl D. Glenn

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 18 – *Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission –
Certifying Providers*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 18 as amended by the House.

House Bill 18, as amended, proposes to expand what types of health care providers are authorized to register with the Cannabis Commission to be a certifying provider to include physician assistants. Under current law, a certifying provider must have prescriptive authority and have a State controlled dangerous substances (CDS) registration. MedChi believes this requirement is essential but supports allowing all licensed health care providers, regardless of type of licensure or certification that hold a CDS, to have authority to be a certifying provider. Physician assistants have that prescriptive authority and may hold a CDS registration. MedChi therefore supports passage of House Bill 18 as amended by the House.

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