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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 814 – *Maryland Health Insurance Option (Protect Maryland Health Care Act of 2019)*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, strongly **supports** House Bill 814. The goal of House Bill 814 is to increase the number of insureds, thus reducing uncompensated care. Unlike the punitive approach taken in the federal law, House Bill 814 sets forth a reasonable process for identifying those without health insurance and provide them with needed health insurance options. Please refer to the commentary published in the *Baltimore Sun* by Gene Ransom, Chief Executive Officer on why MedChi supports House Bill 814 and urges a favorable report.

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