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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
The Honorable Chris West

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RE: **OPPOSE** – Senate Bill 783 – *Public Health – Human Papillomavirus Vaccine – Information and Informed Consent*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, we submit this letter of **opposition** for Senate Bill 783.

Senate Bill 783 creates a requirement for communication, consent and information dissemination relative to the administration of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that is not required for any other vaccine, reflects inaccurate information and will create an unwarranted disincentive for parents to have their children vaccinated. Passage of Senate Bill 783 will undermine the significant individual and public health benefits associated with the HPV vaccine and may ultimately result in higher incidences of the virus, cervical cancer, and other associated health risks. An unfavorable report is requested.

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