TO: The Honorable Peter A. Hammen, Chairman
    Members, House Health & Government Operations Committee
    The Honorable John Donoghue

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RE: SUPPORT – House Bill 1093 – Health Insurance – Clinically Integrated
    Organizations

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300
Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 1093.

House Bill 1093 is an initiative which would assist TriState Health Partners, a
physician hospital organization being created in Washington County. TriState has
received a five year anti-trust exemption from the Federal Trade Commission and seeks
to create a patient centered organization which will feature a high degree of cooperation
and collaboration between the Washington County Hospital and its affiliated physicians.
House Bill 1093 would exempt this experiment from limitations on the payment of
bonuses and incentive payments (pg. 3, lines 16-22) as well as to provide for the sharing
of patient medical information.

MedChi believes that the Washington County initiative deserves full support and that
all bureaucratic roadblocks to this promising experiment should be removed. Moreover,
MedChi would urge resistance to any amendment which would create such roadblocks
and would ask for a favorable report on House Bill 1093.

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