

Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 716

Title: Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment

Hearing Date: February 18, 2020

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 716 – Maryland Council on Health in All Policies.* The bill requires the Governor to convene a council to ensure all Maryland policy efforts are conducted through the lens of improving health outcomes.

Public health is intertwined with environmental, transportation, and criminal justice policies. This legislation breaks down the silos of traditional state agencies and will facilitate an interdisciplinary approach to integrating a public health approach with all state policies.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.