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SB716- Establishment-Maryland Council for Health in All Policies

This legislation will establish the Maryland Health in All Policies Council as below:

- (1) Use a Health in All Policies Framework to address and examine health and health equity, as a priority in decision making**
- (2) Acting on the principles of the Social Determinants of Health, (where you are born, live, work, play) are key factors in the quality of life. As a matter of fact, one such factor, zip code is significant in that it can determine a 20 year difference in life expectancy. The goal is to alleviate the challenges, disparities, and inequities due to lack of resources, as well as lack of access to resources.**
- (3) Foster collaboration between units of the State and Local Government to develop policies to improve health across the State.**

In 2017, SB340, sponsored by Senator Nathan-Pulliam and Delegate Robbyn Lewis, created the Health in All Policies Workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local governments initiatives that positively impact the health of residents. The workgroup was comprised of agencies, departments, and organizations across the State who, over a three year period brought their collective expertise, and knowledge to the table. As a result, a comprehensive, user friendly report was generated that represents the model for Health in All Policies in Maryland, and set the tone for the establishment of the Maryland Council for Health in All Policies.

During that three year period, the Center for Health Equity, under the stellar direction of (Dr. Stephen Thomas, and coordination of Mr. Wesley Queen), provided full support, by undertaking complete administrative control, and

funding for the Health in All Policies Workgroup, including directing the activities, agenda, discussions, and logistics.

To that end, the Center for Health Equity University of Maryland looks forward to continue in that role as an active and engaging partner in consultation with the Department of Health.

This bill will promote health and energize a level of wellness across the board Maryland residents.

Health is an asset that we cannot afford to compromise. It is the foundation for life.

With me today, I would like to introduce my panel, the original sponsor of the Health in All Policies legislation,

- ✓ Sen. Nathan-Pulliam. Delegate Robbyn Lewis again this year is the House sponsor.
- ✓ Dr. Carlessia Hussein who collaborated on the language that created the SB340 (2017) legislation.
- ✓ Dr. Stephen Thomas Director Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland who undertook the tremendous challenge of convening, supporting, and staffing the workgroup.
- ✓ Dr. Nayna Philipsen
- ✓ Mr. Wesley Queen, Coordinator of the HIAP Workgroup
- ✓ Ms. Sarah Hurlbert, Staff Secretary for HIAP Workgroup

I thank you for your consideration, and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Augustine
Senator

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February 16, 2020

Senator Malcolm L. Augustine
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Dear Senator Augustine and members of the committee:

On behalf of the American Public Health Association, a diverse community of public health professionals that champions the health of all people and communities, I write to urge your support for SB716, Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment. This legislation will establish a council to identify opportunities for the state to improve the health of Marylanders using a health in all policies approach. SB716 is an important step in towards reducing health disparities and ensuring that all Marylanders benefit from improvements in the social factors that impact health. We urge your support for this legislation as it is considered in committee this week.

The Health in All Policy (HiAP) is an approach that encourages the consideration of health in all decision making, especially public policy. In July 2011, the Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Medicine) recommended that federal, state, and local decision makers adopt HiAP. At the federal level, the interagency National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council was created with HiAP in mind; the council's 2011 National Prevention Strategy is a roadmap to better health that draws in health determinants affected by diverse sectors of government. HiAP systematically introduces a community-based, holistic understanding of health into decision-making processes for both public- and private-sector activities. It establishes health and well-being as a priority, recognizing that it is the ultimate outcome of economic, social, and political conditions. Widespread HiAP could raise public awareness of the broad scope of factors affecting health, emphasize the links between our nation's health and its economic and social strength, and help policymakers elevate health considerations to the same plane as other outcomes of concern.

In 2017 Maryland SB340 established a work group that recommended last year that a health in all policies framework be developed and a health in all policies council be created. SB716 is being proposed to implement that important recommendation.

As an organization dedicated to achieving health equity, we applaud the legislatures efforts to establish a cross government council to better understand and leverage the opportunities for health improvement. Thank you again for your attention to our position on this important legislation. We look forward to your committees work to enact this and other legislation to reduce barriers that contribute to health inequities in Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Georges C. Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "B".

Georges C. Benjamin, M.D.
Executive Director

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

February 18, 2020

Senate Bill 716: Maryland Council on Health in All Policies – Establishment
Written Testimony Only

POSITION: SUPPORT

On behalf of the members of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM), we appreciate the opportunity to express our support for Senate Bill 716. HFAM represents over 170 skilled nursing centers and assisted living communities in Maryland, as well as nearly 80 associate businesses that offer products and services to healthcare providers. Our members provide services and employ individuals in nearly every jurisdiction in the state. HFAM members provide the majority of Medicaid patient days in Maryland skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers annually.

HFAM supports this legislation. We applaud its sponsors and the Finance Committee for advancing this important work. Recognizing healthcare disparity, prioritizing health equity, valuing diversity and inclusion, and integrating the planning and execution of healthcare policy are critical as we move toward a healthier Maryland for all. The creation of the interagency council outlined in this legislation is an important step and has tremendous potential; that said, the council outlined here is large and includes several state departments whose work is connected by other provisions in Maryland law. The framing of the council around healthcare disparity, health equity, diversity, and inclusion is new and a key component of SB 716.

HFAM members provide more than 4 million days of Medicaid supported quality care to Marylanders in need who would otherwise be receiving care in hospitals at a higher cost and farther from home. As providers of the clear majority of long-term care Medicaid days annually, our members are a critical part of the healthcare safety net in Maryland. The Committee might consider adding HFAM to the Council to join the Maryland Hospital Association and others that are identified in the legislation.

For these reasons, we request a favorable report from the Committee on Senate Bill 716.

Submitted by:

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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.

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February 18, 2020 Senate Finance Committee

Remarks for Sarah Hurlbert for Senate Finance Committee Hearing 2/18/20

Good Afternoon Chairwoman Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and member of the Committee

I am Sarah Hurlbert and I am a second year Master's student at the University of Maryland School of Public Health studying Health Equity. Starting in May 2019 I had the honor to serve as the recording secretary for the Health in All Policies Workgroup. I was able to be part of the multidisciplinary team and meet many people from all over the State. I enjoyed my experience and I enhanced my studies and passion for Health Equity. I was able to learn more about the Maryland Legislative process and have found that I want to pursue a career in health policy. I believe that a Health in All Policies approach is one of the best ways to eliminate health disparities.

Sarah Hurlbert

Recording Secretary/Workgroup-HIAP

Thank You for your Consideration.

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Senator Malcom Augustine
& Co-Sponsors of SB0716
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Honorable Senator Augustine:

I, Carlessia Hussein am submitting this letter in support of establishing a Council on Health in All Policies for the State of Maryland. Health is our most precious resource. It is affected by our birth and where we live, work, play and age. While the individual can control many of these factors, government can play a greater role to help keep us healthy. Health-In-All-Policies (HiAP) is the framework for galvanizing state efforts for increased collaboration, focused interventions and measurable outcomes across and between State agencies.

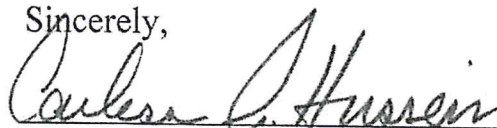
HiAP dates back to the 19th century when inciteful people demonstrated how living conditions, clean water, sanitation and food safety had a huge impact on disease. The World Health Organization declared health as a human right and urged collaboration among different sectors of society to ensure health for the people. While some programs in the US adopted the concept of collaboration across programs, California was the first in 2010, to set in place a formal state level entity to promote an HiAP framework. Many states have followed suit.

Some Impacts in Other States:

- Farm-to-Fork Office setup
- Nutrition criteria imbedded in state purchasing
- HiAP training for local communities
- Legislative proposals reviewed for health impact
- Better understanding of social-determinants-of-health
- "Active Routes to School"
- Health staff added to statewide advisory committees
- Health equity reflected in data sets
- Greater collaboration at every level of government.
- Shared/improved outcomes.

It is the time for Maryland to implement a Health-In-All-Policies framework.

Sincerely,



Carlessia A. Hussein, RN, Dr. Ph.

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I am a maternal-child nurse, attorney and retired professor with 15 years of experience in Maryland state government at the Board of Physicians and the Board of Nursing. For over twenty years I have followed the work of (Delegate and) Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam in Annapolis to nurture a system that supports the health and general welfare of Marylanders.

The collaborative Workgroup of Maryland experts to develop a Health in All Policies model, which was created by the Legislature in 2017, is one example. As the Disaster Nurse Coordinator for Health Services by the American Red Cross in our region, I have witnessed firsthand the interplay of multiple factors impacting prevention, readiness and recovery related to health in disasters, and the need for the proposed framework.

Good health is an essential cornerstone of a thriving, productive, resilient community. Health outcomes are often unintentionally threatened by gaps in and unforeseen consequences of policy. The Workgroup identified significant variables that are now addressed in silos, and recommended establishment of a **Health in All Policies Council**. This Council will facilitate and promote evidence-based decision making among state agencies. The result will be more effective decisions across state agencies, and improved outcomes in health and related issues, including public safety.

I urge you to support this recommendation by voting in favor of SB ____.

Nayna Campbell Philipsen, JD, PhD, RN, FACCE
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TO: The Maryland General Assembly
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FROM: Stephen B. Thomas, PhD
Professor, Department of Health Policy & Management
School of Public Health and
Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity
University of Maryland, College Park

DATE: February 18, 2020

RE: Support SB716, To Establish the Maryland Council for Health in All Policies

Good Afternoon Chairwoman Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and members of the Committee. I am here as professor of Health Policy & Management and Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the School of Public Health, University of Maryland in College Park. I wish to share with you why it is vitally important to support SB716 proposed legislation to establish the **Maryland Council for Health in All Policies**. The aims of this innovative legislation are to:

1. **Use a Health in All Policies Framework to address and examine health and health equity, as a priority in decision making.**
2. **Act on the principles of the Social Determinants of Health to alleviate the challenges and inequity due to lack of resources.**
3. **Foster collaboration between units of the state and local government to develop policies to improve health across the State.**

A brief background will help put my support into context. You may recall that, in 2017, SB340, sponsored by Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegate Robbyn Lewis, was signed into law by Governor Hogan, establishing **The Health in All Policies Workgroup (HiAP)**. The law required the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of state and local government on laws and policies that will positively impact the health of residents of the State.

The workgroup was comprised of designated representatives from agencies, departments, and organizations across the State who, over a three-year period, brought their collective expertise, and knowledge to the table. The HiAP workgroup met monthly to discuss the work-plan, collaborate and create recommendations in accordance with the legislation. Conference calls were held between the monthly meetings to maintain communication and provide assistance to members. At several meetings, members listened to formal presentations from content experts to learn more about the application of the Health in All Policies framework. During that three-year period, the Center for Health Equity, under my direction, and coordination of Mr. Wesley Queen, provided full support, by undertaking complete administrative management for the Health in All Policies Workgroup, including facilitating the activities, providing logistical support, preparing agendas, stimulating discussions, compiling minutes, preparing progress reports and supervising stellar graduate students (Kristanna Peris, Sarah Hurlbert and Lanna Duarte) assigned to assist the workgroup.

On January 31, 2018, The HiAP Workgroup submitted a comprehensive, user friendly, final report to the General Assembly that included research findings and made recommendations for future legislation. The principal recommendation of the HiAP Workgroup is articulated in SB716 ... to Establish **The Maryland Council for Health in All Policies**. To that end, the University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, looks forward to continuing our role as the state-wide convener, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health.

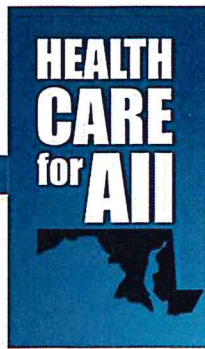
Senate Bill 716 will establish the administrative infrastructure needed to promote health and energize a level of wellness for Maryland residents. It is also a bill that will create opportunities for students (secondary, undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral fellows) and young faculty from across multiple disciplines to gain first-hand experience on how administrative policies and legislation impact the health and wellbeing of Maryland residents, especially people who live in historically underserved, poorly served and never served neighborhoods and rural communities across the state.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach that integrates and articulates health considerations into policymaking across sectors to improve the health of all communities and people. Passage of SB716 will ensure that the Maryland model for HiAP recognizes that health is created by a multitude of factors beyond medical care and, in many cases, beyond the scope of traditional public health activities. In fact, by establishing the **Maryland Council for Health in All Policies**, we will contribute toward the achievement the National Prevention Strategy and Healthy People 2030 goals and enhance the potential for Maryland to both improve health outcomes across the state and serve as a model for the nation. The **Maryland Council for Health in All Policies** may also be effective in identifying gaps in scientific evidence needed to achieve health equity for all.

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SENATE BILL 716

Before the Senate Finance Committee

By Holly Thompson, Intern of the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, Inc. and
Student of Social Work at Morgan State University

February 18, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 716, which will create a Maryland Council on Health in All Policies. Thank you to Senator Augustine for sponsoring SB 716 and for your support of public health measures in the 2019 session. The Health in All Policies approach addresses the social determinants of health that are key drivers of health outcomes and health inequities. It is a collaborative approach to improving the health of all Marylanders by incorporating health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.¹ This important Council will be able to carry out recommendations made the Health in All Policies Workgroup, including developing a Framework for Maryland.² Thank you for your efforts toward quality, affordable health care for all Marylanders. We urge a favorable report from the Committee on Senate Bill 716.

¹ American Public Health Association. "An Introduction to Health In All Policies: A guide for State and Local Governments." https://www.apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/factsheets/health_inall_policies_guide_169pages.ashx?la=en&hash=641B94AF624D7440F836238F0551A5FF0DE4872A

² Senate Bill 340/ House Bill 1225: University of Maryland School of Public health, Center for Health Equity, Workgroup on Health in All Policies. September 30th, 2019 Report. [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=2ahUKEwip8cH768znAhW3mHIEHdmpCdUQFiAAegQIAhAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsph.umd.edu%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fimages%2FSept%252030t%25202019%2520HiAP%2520Report_Final%2520\(1\).pdf&usg=AOvVaw3WYfRSgzyR7eKdFmkgwkOQ](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=2ahUKEwip8cH768znAhW3mHIEHdmpCdUQFiAAegQIAhAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsph.umd.edu%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fimages%2FSept%252030t%25202019%2520HiAP%2520Report_Final%2520(1).pdf&usg=AOvVaw3WYfRSgzyR7eKdFmkgwkOQ)

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Maryland
Hospital Association

February 18, 2020

To: The Honorable Delores Kelley, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

From: Jennifer Witten, Vice President, Government Affairs, Maryland Hospital Association

Re: Letter of Support- Senate Bill 716- Maryland Council on Health in All Policies -
Establishment

Dear Chairman Kelley:

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) 61 member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 716. Maryland's hospitals care for millions of people each year, treating 2.3 million in emergency departments and delivering more than 67,000 babies. The 108,000 people they employ are [caring for Maryland](#) around-the-clock every day—delivering leading edge, high-quality medical service and investing a combined \$1.75 billion in their communities, expanding access to housing, education, transportation, and food.

Under Maryland's unique Total Cost of Care agreement with the federal government, Maryland's hospitals are working to lower costs and improve population health. The result: hospitals promote the health of whole communities, empowering patients and families, coordinating care among different providers, and addressing social factors that influence people's health. These interventions range from supporting healthy food programs that assist with chronic disease self-management to owning and operating apartments to assist with safe and stable housing.

In 2019, MHA established a Health Equity Task Force to support hospitals' efforts to address social influencers of health, reduce disparities in health outcomes, and influence public policy across all domains that affect health. Maryland's hospitals support SB 716, which will break down silos and foster collaboration through the health in all policies framework. This will encourage government agencies to consider the impact decision-making processes can have on health outcomes.¹ MHA is pleased to be named as a member of the Health in All Policies Council. We recommend that in addition to the areas addressed in the legislation, the council explore the lack of access to healthy foods and health literacy.

For more information, please contact:

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¹ Rudolph, L., Caplan, J., Ben-Moshe, K., & Dillon, L. (2013). Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments. Washington, DC and Oakland, CA: American Public Health Association and Public Health Institute.

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Members, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Malcolm Augustine

FROM: Pamela Metz Kasemeyer
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Richard A. Tabuteau

DATE: February 18, 2020

RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 716 – *Maryland Council on Health in All Policies – Establishment*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** Senate Bill 716.

Senate Bill 716 would establish a Council on Health in All Policies, which is designed to create a public health framework through which policymakers and stakeholders, through a collaborative approach, are able to identify and address issues and policies that may improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities and to incorporate those findings and policies into decision-making across all sectors of the State.

In reviewing the composition of the Council, MedChi would note that there is not a physician whose practice is public health focused. To that end, MedChi would request an amendment to add one representative from MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, whose practice focuses on public health. With its noted amendment, MedChi believes the establishment of this Council will enhance the State's ability to enrich the health and well-being of the citizens of Maryland and urges a favorable report.

For more information call:

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Senate Bill 716

Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**
WITH AMENDMENTS

To: Finance and Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committees

Date: February 18, 2020

From: Natasha Mehu

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB 716. The bill strives to coordinate state and local health policy efforts but does not incorporate any local perspectives.

SB 716 would establish a Maryland Council on Health in All Policies that is charged with employing a health in all policies framework to examine the health of the residents of the state, ways state and local governments could collaborate to implement policies to improve the health of the state, and a number of additional factors that impact the health of the state. The Council shall also make recommendations on how to incorporate health considerations in the government and private sector decision-making process, as well as foster collaboration between units of state and local governments to develop policies and implement laws and policies to improve health and reduce health inequities.

Counties are willing to partner in bringing forward a health in all policies framework to advance public laws and policies but believe that can only successfully be achieved if counties are also represented on the council to share local perspective and expertise. For these reasons, MACo urges a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on SB 716.

MACo Amendment:

On page 3, after line 25, insert:

(15) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.