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Testimony of American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

Senate Finance Committee and Judicial Proceedings Committee

Senate Bill 879 Public Health – Maryland Infant Lifetime Care Trust Funded by HSCRC and Maryland Patient Safety Center Duties

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Letter of Support

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) represents more than 1200 insurers and reinsurers that provide critically important insurance protection throughout the U.S. and world. In combination, our members write 60% of the U.S. property casualty market. APCIA members represent all sizes, structures, and regions—protecting families, communities, and businesses in the U.S. and across the globe. APCIA appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of Senate Bill 879.

Senate Bill 879 seeks to stabilize and reduce medical liability risk in order to preserve essential access to obstetric services by creating a fund, underwritten by a fee assessed against hospitals providing those services, that would pay for all future medical expenses in jury awards and settlements relating to birth-related neurological injuries that result in unusually high costs for lifetime care and rehabilitation. The astronomical costs of providing this care warrant adoption of this type of risk-spreading mechanism, which has been operational for decades in Florida and Virginia.

For these reasons, APCIA urges the Committee to provide a favorable report on Senate Bill 879.