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**STATEMENT OF**  
**MARYLAND CITIZENS' HEALTH INITIATIVE INC.**  
**IN SUPPORT OF**  
**SENATE BILL 963**  
**MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH**  
**BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, Inc. supports Senate Bill 963, which would establish an Office of the Inspector General for Health, as a weapon against waste, fraud and abuse in the health care industry.

Every dollar wasted in the provision of health care is a dollar that cannot be spent on providing health care to those that need it. In other segments of government, inspectors general have been very successful in discovering instances of waste, fraud, and abuse, that have saved substantial sums of funds.

Please give Senate Bill 963 a favorable report.