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House Bill 274/Senate Bill 387 Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times

Position: **SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS** Date: February 21, 2023 To: Health and Government Operations

The Caroline County Commissioners **SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS** House Bill 274/Senate Bill 387 – Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times.

After review of this bill with the Caroline County Department of Emergency Services, the Commissioners request that an amendment be made to include people who are currently working in the field of Emergency Services. We ask that this amendment include at least one member from each geographic region of Maryland (example: Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, Baltimore City, and the Eastern Shore) to be a member of the Task Force to provide first-hand insight into the innerworkings of the Emergency Room from an Emergency Services prospective.

With this, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 274/Senate Bill 387 with the above-mentioned amendment.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding President Caroline County Commissioners