

Mr. Chairman and Most Honorable Delegates

I am writing to thank you and ask for your support in for HB 670- State Prescription Drug. I joined the Maryland State Police in 1971 as a young man. I never required any routine daily prescription medication until 2020. I am one of those over 500 retired state troopers that were not offered or paid into the Social Security. We did receive extra benefits in lieu of the low pay by providing us with a good medical and prescription plan. Throughout my 37-year career, I contributed to and assumed the prescription medication plan would be available when needed. At 70 YOA I developed Arterial Fibrillation and was placed on several prescription medications that I will be taking for the rest of my life. I had a Hearth Ablation last year to correct the A-Fib. I now take four daily medications. One medication is \$1500 every three months without our prescription plan.

My wife Diana (68 YOA) was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (lung disease) in April 2022. She is currently on the Transplant list at the University of Maryland Hospital. The medical staff told us that if we didn't have our prescription plan her cost for just one medication would be \$3000 per month after the transplant. Losing our current plan would be detrimental to our lives. Again, I thank you for your support and all the Delegates to please vote for us to keep our current prescription plan.

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