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TO: House of Delegates Health & Government Operations Committee Members

FROM: Sammy Zakaria, MD, FACC, President-elect  
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RE: **SUPPORT FOR HB 757**

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The Maryland Chapter of the American College of Cardiology strongly supports ***HB 757 State Board of Physicians-Supervised Medical Graduates and Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (RCISs)***.

HB 757 will strengthen Maryland's health care work force and improve patient care by allowing Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists to perform fluoroscopy with physician supervision in cardiac catheterization labs. Until 2019, only radiological technologists could do so, even though training for cardiovascular technologists is accessible in Maryland. Thankfully, in 2019 the General Assembly passed HB 927 which provided a five-year sunset to allow the Maryland Health Care Commission to study the impact on patient safety and our health care workforce. The study revealed that cardiovascular technologists are indeed qualified to continue providing fluoroscopy.

Key findings include:

- No radiation injuries reported.
- No civil penalties issued.
- Radiologic technologist vacancies increased from 13% in FY 20 to 31% in FY 23, while trained RCISs remained available.

**For reference please see: [HB924Ch445\(3\)\(2019\)\\_2023.pdf \(state.md.us\)](#) and [2019 Regular Session - Fiscal and Policy Note for House Bill 924 \(maryland.gov\)](#).**

We urge you to support HB 757.

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