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The Honorable Pamela Beidle Chair, Senate Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill (HB) 1142 – Public Health – Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group – Establishment - Letter of Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support with a technical amendment for the 3rd reader version of House Bill (HB) 1142 – Public Health – Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group – Establishment.

The House-passed version of HB 1142 outlines the membership for an advisory group that includes the Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing, or the Deputy Secretary's designee, and the Director of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, or the Director's designee. These positions are identical. Therefore, the Department's amendment simply removes the Director of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, or the Director's designee (lines 24 and 25 on page 3) to eliminate this redundancy. The amendment to HB 1142 is attached to this letter.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at <u>sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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In the Senate Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1142 (Third Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike lines 24 and 25 in their entirety.