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The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Mill Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Letter of Support as Amended – HB 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established**

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for House Bill (HB) 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established.

MHBE is Maryland's state-designated health insurance marketplace, established in 2011 in accordance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) to improve the health and well-being of Marylanders by connecting them with high-quality, affordable health coverage.

As amended HB 718 includes MHBE under the Commission's membership as a critical stakeholder, and MHBE is prepared to contribute to the Commission's responsibilities as outlined under the bill - to monitor and provide recommendations to the State in response to any federal action that may jeopardize health coverage access and affordability measures established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other federal programs.

For further discussions or questions on HB 718, please contact Johanna Fabian-Marks, Director of Policy and Plan Management at [johanna.fabian-marks@maryland.gov](mailto:johanna.fabian-marks@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Eberle".

Michele Eberle  
Executive Director