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

RE: House Bill 933 – Nursing Homes – Cost Reports – Letter of Support as Amended

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for House Bill (HB) 933 - Nursing Homes – Cost Reports.

As amended, HB 933 requires the Department to review the cost reports and other data including data related to revenues allocated to contracted nursing care services; and salaries and wages of all direct care non-administrative staff submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. This bill additionally requires the Department to report the findings resulting from the review conducted under the Act to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee of the General Assembly by October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter through 2029.

The Department is committed to strengthening the cost reporting and data collection process. The report required by this bill will enable greater transparency and understanding of nursing facility costs as well as current rates that could potentially inform setting rates and compliance thresholds in the future.

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

Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary