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**TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB#/0995 - POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH  
NEW AMENDMENTS**

**Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System –  
Establishment**

**TO:** Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and members of the Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support with 2 added amendments of crossover bill HB#0995, Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment**

This bill is the cross-filed bill HB0995 passed unanimously 2/27/25 and referred to your committee. The SB0776 bill passed the Senate on 3/12/25 unanimously. I would like you to add two amendments and then reconcile them in committee for passage again in the Senate and the House.

I would add as an amendment a requirement that the Work Group holds at least one or two public meetings to solicit input about people's lived experiences. This mandated public meeting must be actively promoted with the public, held on a weekend or weekday evening, and facilitated by MIA or HEAU.

The second amendment I would offer would ensure the workgroup include groups in the coalition working on this issue, such as Progressive Maryland, to be added to the workgroup to offer their inputs on issues before the group.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report with two new amendments on crossover bill HB0995.**