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**Testimony In Support of HB 718
Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established
Before the Senate Finance Committee
By: Maryland Public Health Association (MdpHA)
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Chair Beidle, Vice-Chair Hayes, and Members of the Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony for HB 718. Thanks to your Committee's leadership, we have made great progress in Maryland improving access to health coverage, cutting the uninsured rate in half since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through programs like the Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program and Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidy Program. HB 718 would create a Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission which would be tasked with proposing ways to protect these gains from federal threats and continue to make progress toward expanding access to quality, affordable health care. We urge the Senate Finance Committee to pass HB 718. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to public health.

The Maryland Public Health Association (MdpHA) is a nonprofit, statewide organization of public health professionals dedicated to improving the lives of all Marylanders through education, advocacy, and collaboration. We support public policies consistent with our vision of healthy Marylanders living in healthy, equitable, communities. MdpHA is the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association, a nearly 145-year-old professional organization dedicated to improving population health and reducing the health disparities that plague our state and our nation.

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