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The Honorable Pam Beidle  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
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Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Senate Bill 776 - Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System - Establishment**

Dear Chair Beidle,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. supports *Senate Bill 776 - Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment* favorable with amendment.

The League is eager to have a nuanced look at adverse decisions in the state that impact consumers, but also the business of health care and especially the interactions between health care entities. We believe that there is a lot of misinformation about what actually happens, how the operations of entities communicate, and the general nuts and bolts of how massive organizations operate. We welcome an opportunity to get to the granular level and discover what might be the best way forward for Maryland consumers.

We do request a simple amendment. League members do not think it is appropriate for the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) to staff the workgroup. They are clearly biased in this discussion, have shared data that carriers dispute, and are clearly advocating for different actions from many named in the workgroup structure. We don't believe it would be appropriate for them to staff a workgroup if we desire a balanced discussion.

With the inclusion of the amendment requested to remove the MHA as workgroup staff, the League urges the committee to give Senate Bill 776 a favorable report.

Very truly yours,

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Matthew Celentano  
Executive Director

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee