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**TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL SB#/0776 - POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH
AMENDMENTS**

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

TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and members of the Health and Government
Operations 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 its amendments of crossover bill SB#0776,
Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System –
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This bill is the cross-filed bill SB0776 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 includes 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 its existing and two
new amendments on crossover bill SB0776.**