

Health and Government Operations Committee
House Bill 718
Favorable with Amendments

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee;

Please give House Bill 718, regarding the establishment of a commission to determine how to protect health insurance coverage for Marylanders, a Favorable report with an amendment.

The Trump/ Musk administration has already decided that certain vulnerable populations should not be able to access health insurance coverage. Whether with outright bigotry, or with the excuse to trim government spending, more denials of coverage, and possibly complete eradication of programs, are expected. House Bill 718 is necessary during these times of uncertainty. I only ask that the bill be amended to include people who can adequately represent those who are most at risk of losing healthcare under the Trump/ Musk administration, such as transgender, Black, and Brown people.

Please give House Bill 718 a favorable report with these or similar amendments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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