



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 718

Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established
Before the House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Thank you Madam Chair, Madam Vice-Chair and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee for this opportunity to strongly support HB 718 and thank you Madam Chair and Delegate Sandy Rosenberg for introducing this very important bill. I am Vincent DeMarco of the Maryland Health Care For All Coalition, bringing together hundreds of faith, community, labor, health care and business groups from across the state. We thank this Committee for your leadership in protecting and expanding health care coverage in Maryland. In 2017, when once before a federal administration was threatening the Affordable Care Act, you led the way in creating the Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission of that year, on which I was honored to serve. As you know, that Commission fostered very important and successful Maryland based health care measures such as the Reinsurance Program, Easy Enrollment and the Young Adult Subsidy Program, all of which have helped keep health coverage available and affordable in our state. Now as health care coverage is once again under threat at the federal level we strongly urge you to pass HB 718 so that once again Maryland can have a body dedicated to proposing ways to protect and expand affordable health care coverage in our state.