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Health and Government Committee
240 Taylor House Office Building
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SUPPORT HB 0424, Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Health and Government Committee

The Randallstown NAACP is a 500 member branch located in Baltimore County, Maryland. We have members in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. One of primary focuses is ensuring the quality of life for all residents especially black Marylanders free of discrimination.

The rising costs of prescription drugs is something most people are facing. Everything from the treatment of chronic conditions to one-time prescriptions are getting more expensive.

One of the leading causes for bankruptcy in any household is health care costs when you're trying to debate about \$600 for medication or maybe \$600 for maybe your utilities, a mortgage or rent or anything else. Many residents are reporting they have skipped a dose, rationed medication or left a prescription at the pharmacy counter due to cost. HB 0424 gives us another tool to lower the prescriptions for Marylanders.

The Randallstown NAACP supports HB 0424, Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits 3 (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act) ***The Randallstown Branch of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on HB 0424.***

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yours

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