



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Heather Bagnall  
Chair, House Health Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: House Bill 672 – Public Health - Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund - Entities Eligible for Grants – Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Bagnall and Committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of support for House Bill (HB) 672 – Public Health - Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund - Entities Eligible for Grants. HB 672 alters the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund by limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit hospitals, educational institutions, and other nonprofit organizations engaged in pediatric cancer research.

The Department supports HB 672 as it clarifies grant eligibility criteria to consolidate applicant categories. This will ensure that the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund supports entities that are most equipped to conduct pediatric cancer research and produce results in a timely manner.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Meghan Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs at [meghan.lynch@maryland.gov](mailto:meghan.lynch@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D.  
Secretary