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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Requesting That the State's Congressional Delegation Support the Call for**
3 **Legal Reform by the President of the United States**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting that the State's congressional delegation support the
5 call for legal reform by the President of the United States; and generally relating
6 to the State's congressional delegation support of the call for legal reform by the
7 President of the United States.

8 WHEREAS, A fair and efficient legal system free from frivolous and abusive
9 litigation is necessary for a vibrant economy and access to affordable health care; and

10 WHEREAS, Reasonable caps on damages protect consumers from the rising
11 costs of, and diminishing access to, products and services that have resulted from
12 lawsuit abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, Victims who suffered losses, not attorneys, should receive the
14 majority of damage awards; and

15 WHEREAS, Lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness for all parties;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In accordance with the intent of the framers of the Constitution of
18 the United States, cases involving residents of different states should be tried in
19 federal court; and

20 WHEREAS, Individuals suffer the most as a result of frivolous lawsuits when
21 the cost of products and services rise due to exorbitant rises in insurance costs and
22 the availability of each diminishes; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
24 Maryland General Assembly requests our elected Representatives and Senators in
25 the United States Congress to support meaningful class action reform and medical
26 malpractice liability reform, as well as any other legal reform legislation in the 108th
27 Congress; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
29 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;

- 1 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 2 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.