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Senator Melony G. Griffith
James Senate Office Building, Room 220
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.
James Senate Office Building, Room 420
11 Bladen St., Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Senators Griffith and Hershey:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for your efforts to improve the physician and physician assistant workforce in rural and underserved areas of Maryland and urge swift passage of SB 501.

There is a vibrancy alive in our rural and underserved areas, contributing in meaningful ways to the overall success of the State. Even so, demographic challenges often make it difficult for our communities to attract health care workers. Loan repayment incentives, such as proposed in SB 501, are effective means to encourage providers to locate in rural and medically underserved areas.

As Co-chairs of the Maryland Workforce on Rural Health Delivery we applaud your efforts to improve access to health care services for vulnerable Marylanders and we remain at your service. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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