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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 716 – *Maryland Council on Health in All Policies – Establishment*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** Senate Bill 716.

Senate Bill 716 would establish a Council on Health in All Policies, which is designed to create a public health framework through which policymakers and stakeholders, through a collaborative approach, are able to identify and address issues and policies that may improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities and to incorporate those findings and policies into decision-making across all sectors of the State.

In reviewing the composition of the Council, MedChi would note that there is not a physician whose practice is public health focused. To that end, MedChi would request an amendment to add one representative from MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, whose practice focuses on public health. With its noted amendment, MedChi believes the establishment of this Council will enhance the State's ability to enrich the health and well-being of the citizens of Maryland and urges a favorable report.

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