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Adventist HealthCare – Fort Washington Medical Center
Germantown, MD

Adventist HealthCare – Shady Grove Medical Center
Rockville, MD

Adventist HealthCare – Takoma Park
Takoma Park, MD

Adventist HealthCare – White Oak Medical Center
Silver Spring, MD

Frederick Health Hospital
Frederick, MD

Meritus Health Hospital
Hagerstown, MD

LifeBridge Health – Sinai Hospital
Baltimore, MD

LifeBridge Health – Northwest Hospital
Randallstown, MD

LifeBridge Health – Carroll Hospital
Westminster, MD

LifeBridge Health – Levindale Hospital
Baltimore, MD

LifeBridge Health – Grace Medical Center
Baltimore, MD

Peninsula Regional Medical Center
Salisbury, MD

March 4, 2020

The Honorable Heather Bagnall
Maryland House of Delegates
160 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 332

Dear Delegate Bagnall:

This letter is to express support for HB332 by the members of the Advanced Health Collaborative listed above. Without exception, each of the organizations identified here wishes to express to you the importance of HB332 because of the positive impact it can make to patient care for both behavioral health and medical patients.

Behavioral health patients in crisis need to receive the appropriate care in the appropriate setting in order to insure the highest quality and most cost-effective care, and this is not the hospital emergency department. HB332 supports the opportunity to improve the quality of care not only for behavioral health patients but also for hospital emergency department patients by insuring emergency department staff are better able to give their attention to those patients with medical emergencies.

Your understanding and support of our behavioral health and medical providers trying to serve our Maryland patients is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil M. Meltzer".

Neil Meltzer
Chairman, The Advanced Health Collaborative
President & CEO, LifeBridge Health