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STATEMENT OF
MARYLAND CITIZENS' HEALTH INITIATIVE INC.
IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 609
MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH
BEFORE THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, Inc. supports House Bill 609, which would establish an Office of the Inspector General for Health, as a weapon against waste, fraud and abuse in the health care industry.

Every dollar wasted in the provision of health care is a dollar that cannot be spent on providing health care to those that need it. In other segments of government, inspectors general have been very successful in discovering instances of waste, fraud, and abuse, that have saved substantial sums of funds.

Please give House Bill 609 a favorable report.