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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Chair Pendergrass,

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc. (NPAM) and its' 850 members, and the over 5,300 Nurse Practitioners licensed to in practice Maryland, we are writing today to support with amendments **HB 0936 – Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks**.

HB 0936, with amendments as suggested by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON), provides that a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse and an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances.

HB 0936 also allows a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse and an advanced practice registered nurse to delegate a nursing task or other technical task to an assistant with medical training if the assistant performs only tasks that the assistant is trained and able to perform, and the unlicensed individual is provided training and supervision.

Further, this bill will allow Nurse Practitioners who independently own medical practices in Maryland to hire unlicensed personnel, such as Medical Assistants, provided they provide on-site supervision and instruction.

NPAM supports the clarification of the role of the APRN, specifically Nurse Practitioners, in delegating to unlicensed individuals. We believe this will enhance the ability of Nurse Practitioners to provide high quality, evidenced based health care to more patients in Maryland.

It is the hope of NPAM that **HB 0936-Health Occupations-Nurses-Delegation of Nursing Tasks** with amendments gains a favorable vote in committee.

Yours in success!

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