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Senator Delores G. Kelley Chair, Maryland Senate Finance Committee

Subj: MD SB543

Dear Chair Kelley,

On behalf of the Members of Altrua HealthShare -and the thousands of Marylanders who rely on Health Care Sharing Ministries to protect their health care – we implore this Committee to vote "yes" on Senate Bill 543. A yes vote would preserve our community's ability to share in each other's medical bills by harmonizing Maryland Law with the Affordable Care Act and clearly recognizing that health care sharing ministries are not insurance.

We appreciate your consideration,

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