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The Honorable Paul Corderman
Maryland State Senator
5 Public Square, Suite 210
Hagerstown, MD 21740

RE: SUPPORT OF SB865 – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTERS - REIMBURSEMENT

Dear Senator Corderman:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the City of Hagerstown's full support of Senate Bill 865 entitled **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement**. This Bill will assist EMS companies with receiving Medicaid reimbursement. Currently, EMS companies can only be reimbursed for transferring Medicaid patients to emergency hospital rooms and no other facilities. This bill would alleviate some of the pressure on emergency rooms, allowing ambulances to transport patients to facilities that may better serve their ailments (including, but not limited to, urgent care facilities, behavioral health centers, detox facilities, etc.).

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

Emily Keller
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c: Hagerstown City Council
Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator

