



MARYLAND CITIZENS' HEALTH INITIATIVE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 12

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Madam Chair and Members of the Finance Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 12, 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 Senate Bill 12 a favorable report to help move our state further toward ensuring quality, affordable health care for all Marylanders.