

Medical Debt Protection Act / HB565
Official Testimony
Position: **FAVORABLE**

To the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Michael Lent, and I'm a Parkville resident and a member of the End Medical Debt Maryland Coalition. I support the Medical Debt Protection Act (HB565/SB514).

This bill will protect low and middle-income households from punitive medical debt lawsuits. It will prohibit medical debt lawsuits for \$1000 or under, require income-based repayment plans, and prevent wage garnishments and liens on homes over medical debt. I believe that passing this bill is essential because people who are recovering from illness and already struggling to work should not have added barriers to becoming well and whole.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on the HB565/SB514, the Medical Debt Protection Act.

Sincerely,

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