



# END MEDICAL DEBT MARYLAND

## Medical Debt Protection Act / SB0514 Official Testimony Position: **FAVORABLE**

To Chair Kelley and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is STEVEN GLASSCHO, and I'm a Maryland resident and a member of the End Medical Debt Maryland Coalition and an officer representing over 2200 employees of MTA. I support SB0514, the Medical Debt Protection Act, and I ask the Committee to issue a favorable report.

The Medical Debt Protection Act 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 of this bill is essential because the effect on the working people trying to maintain their monthly bills, feed their families in these difficult times is becoming a Herculean task with seemingly no way out.

I can still remember the sensitive stories my peers would share with me about the stress of paying their monthly bills while trying to pay off their medical debt because everyone does not have quality insurance with their employers but still trying to make a way. I urge this committee to remember the less fortunate that we serve everyday to make their lives more manageable with sensible legislation and education to keep people from falling into this situation over and over again

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB0514: The Medical Debt Protection Act, with no amendments that water-down the bill.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony for SB514 must be submitted between 10 AM and 3PM on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and the hearing will be on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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