

To the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Brian Crawford, and I'm a Takoma Park resident and a member of the End Medical Debt Maryland Coalition. I support the Medical Debt Protection Act (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 of this bill is essential.

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

Sincerely,
Brian Crawford
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