

TESTIMONY FOR SB0522
PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Bill Sponsor: Senator Pinsky

Committee: Finance

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Position: FAVORABLE

Maryland's all-payer model for hospital reimbursement has put our State in a position to be the first in the United States to implement universal health care. SB0522, which establishes a Commission comprised of people with expertise in various aspects of health care, is an evidence-based, sensible approach toward achieving the goal.

For many Americans the need to establish universal health care is compelling. The current system of health care in the U.S. is irrefutably unjust. The system is high-cost, acute-care focused, and massively complicated. Now is the time for change. Establish a Commission on Universal Health Care so that Maryland can be a benchmark State for a fair system of health care for all.

I support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report in committee.