

**TESTIMONY FOR HB0470**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Committee: Health and Government Operations

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Position: FAVORABLE

I am writing in support of HB0470.

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 imperative. 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.

For the above reasons, I support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report in committee.