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TO: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee
The Honorable C.T. Wilson

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 207 – *Nursing Homes – Resident Change of Condition - Notification*

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the largest and most diverse senior care provider association in Maryland representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities and other home and community-based services, we support House Bill 207. House Bill 207 changes the notification from “in a timely manner” to within 24 hours when there is a (1) change in condition; (2) adverse event that may result in a change in condition; (3) outcome or care that results in an unanticipated consequence; or (4) corrective action, if appropriate.

LifeSpan Network supports House Bill 207 because it more closely aligns with the federal requirements for notification.¹ Therefore, we request a favorable vote.

¹ Please note that certain circumstances under federal law may trigger different reporting timeframes, e.g., an “immediate” notification requirement under 42 CFR § 483.10(g)(14). As the designated agent for the federal government, the Office of Health Care Quality follows the more stringent requirement.