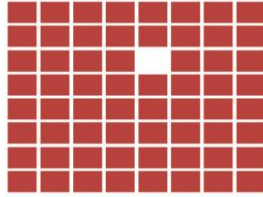


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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 289 – *Peace Orders – Workplace Violence*

The Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (MDACEP) which represents the interests of emergency physicians and their patients throughout the State of Maryland **strongly support** House Bill 289, which authorizes an employer to file a petition for a peace order that alleges the commission of specified acts against the petitioner's employee at the employee's workplace.

MDACEP supports this bill due to increasing violent acts occurring in emergency departments against emergency personnel. According to surveys by the national American College of Emergency Physicians and the Emergency Nurses Association, a staggering number of emergency physicians and nurses report being victims of violence. This bill provides an additional tool to protect emergency personnel and reduce the anxiety that often occurs with employees determining whether to file a peace order by authorizing the employer to do so. We urge a favorable vote.

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