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**TESTIMONY FOR THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

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**HOUSE BILL 1252: INCOME TAX – CREDITS FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH  
HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Thank you Madam Chair and Members of the Committee. Today, I am pleased to introduce HB 1252, Income Tax – Credits for Preceptors in Areas with Health Care Workforce Shortages.

I have brought this bill before you today because one of the many things this pandemic has done is exacerbate the need for quality health care professionals across the State. HB 1252 will help ensure areas that were already lacking in health workers are able to fill the gaps they have.

This bill expands the preceptorship tax credit Maryland enacted in 2016. Right now, the preceptorship tax credit program covers physicians and nurse practitioners, who act as preceptors without compensation in work force shortage areas. As stated in the fiscal note, in 2019 this tax credit was given to 34 applicants, awarding a total of \$149,000. This bill expands the program to include physicians assistants, and those who serve as preceptors for physicians assistants.

In addition, the bill shortens the hours of clerkship rotation from 160 to 100 hours, of which a preceptor must serve three rotations. This new credit will be funded through a \$15 certification renewal fee for physicians assistants. This fee is supported by the Maryland Academy of Physicians Assistants (MdAPA).

Again, I would like to thank the Committee for hearing the bill, and I urge a favorable report on HB 1252.