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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 607 – *Health Equity Resource Communities – Modifications*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 607.

Senate Bill 607 proposes several modifications to the Health Equity Resource Communities (HERC) program enacted into law in 2021. The bill requires the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), the State’s health information system, to provide technical assistance to the Community Health Resources Commission in implementing the program. It also delays the date for issuance of the request for proposals to designate HERCs for one year and expands the permissible uses of the HERC Fund to include the funding of two full time staff positions and to reimburse CRISP for costs incurred in providing technical assistance. The proposed modifications reflected in Senate Bill 607 will strengthen the quality and effective implementation of the HERC program and will contribute to the ultimate success of HERCs in meeting the program’s objectives. A favorable report is requested.

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