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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 77 – *Health Occupations Bards – Investigations – Right to Counsel*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the LifeSpan Network, and the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 77.

Senate Bill 77 would clearly state in statute that any licensee who is investigated by a health occupations board, including the Board of Physicians, may be represented by counsel and have counsel present at any interview with the board. While various regulations of the Board of Physicians provide for the right to counsel at a hearing, Senate Bill 77 makes clear to the licensee that they also have a right to counsel in the proceedings leading up to the hearing, such as an interview.

The organizations listed above believe it is important that this fundamental right of a licensee be clearly stated in statute, and for this reason supports Senate Bill 77.

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