

January 26, 2022

To: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair, House Health & Government Operations Committee

Re: Letter of Information- House Bill 96- Public Health-Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Gifts & Organ Transplantation- Financial Status

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) 60 member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on House Bill 96. This bill would prohibit determination of receipt of any anatomical gift or organ transplant solely based on an individual's financial status.

Maryland hospitals support the intent of the bill; however, we want to ensure the bill language, as introduced, does not inadvertently disrupt the well-established processes hospitals have in place with potential recipients and their support network.

MHA looks forward to continuing working with Delegate Shetty on technical amendments to ensure that the intent of the legislation is fully realized when it is implemented.

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