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

From: The Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division

Re: House Bill 106 (Health Insurance - Nonprofit Health Service Plan - Board of Directors): Information

The Office of the Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit (HEAU) submits the following information for the committee's consideration regarding this bill, which would increase the number of provider and hospital industry members on CareFirst's board of directors from 4 to 5. CareFirst reportedly is seeking the increase because the company is expanding its Medicare Advantage plans and business. Two consumer members are currently required to be on the board. We believe the number of consumer members should increase from 2 to 3 in order to maintain the proportionality of industry and consumer input as CareFirst's business model changes in ways that will materially impact consumers.

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