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The Honorable William Smith, Chair Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

<u>House Bill 650 – Execution on a Judgement – Child Support Arrearage – Workers'</u> <u>Compensation – Testimony in Support</u>

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company (CEIC), we share our updated position on House Bill 650 as amended and passed by the House Judiciary Committee and the House of Delegates. At the February 17, 2022 House Hearing, CEIC voiced concerns about HB650 as introduced, as it did not properly take into consideration settlements and stipulations, which make up a significant portion of paid workers' compensation paid benefits in the State. As amended, the legislation now applies to the full range of paid benefits and CEIC's concerns have been addressed.

CEIC thank Delegate Brooks and the Department of Human Services for working with us to address these concerns and properly tailor the scope of HB650. In light of the amendments, CEIC withdraws its initial opposition and urges the Committee's favorable report.