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Members, House Ways and Means Committee

The Honorable Jason C. Buckel

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 845 – *Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Income of Health* 

Care Workers

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 845.

House Bill 845 provides a subtraction modification on the Maryland income tax of a "health care worker", which is defined to include primary care, behavioral health, and dentistry. The modification applies for tax years 2021 and 2022.

The General Assembly is well aware of the personal sacrifices that health care workers have made since March of 2020. Working under the conditions of a pandemic for nearly two years, these professionals have placed not only themselves but their families and loved ones in harm's way. While this is their chosen profession, no one entered the health care field with the knowledge that the events of the past 2 years would come to pass. These providers have gone well beyond the normal call of duty.

House Bill 845 is a gesture by the State to show its appreciation for the sacrifices of these health care workers. We think it is well deserved and hope that the Committee will agree.

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