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Community Health Resources Commission

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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 701

Dear Chair Guzzone:

Thank you again for your continued support of the work of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) in its mission to expand access to health care services in underserved communities.

Thank you also for introducing SB 556, which would provide greater salary-setting authority to the CHRC as it implements two new programs enacted by the legislature in recent years, the Maryland Health Equity Resource Act and Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports. SB 556 would provide the same level of salary setting authority that now exists at two other health regulatory agencies, the Health Services Cost Review Commission and Maryland Health Care Commission. Providing this greater level of salary-setting authority will enable the CHRC to recruit a diverse pool of qualified candidates and will assist the CHRC as it responds to its increased statutory responsibilities.

As you are aware, the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee heard and approved SB 556 unanimously earlier this session and the bill was approved unanimously by the Maryland Senate. HB 701, which is being heard in the Budget & Taxation Committee, is the cross-file to SB 556, and was approved unanimously by the House Appropriations Committee and full House of Delegates.

HB 701 was amended in the House Appropriations Committee to provide similar greater salary-setting authority for the Comptroller, Treasurer, and Attorney General. The CHRC has no concerns over this amendment to HB 701 approved by the House of Delegates.

The CHRC appreciates the confidence that the Maryland General Assembly has demonstrated in asking our Commission to implement two new programs and we would respectfully request a favorable report on HB 701.

Sincerely,

Mark Luckner,
Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, CHRC Chair
Members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
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TO: The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Rhea L. Harris
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RE: HB701- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission and Offices
of the Comptroller, Treasurer, and Attorney General – Compensation and
Pay Scales for Employees (**Support with Amendments**)

The Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable with amendments report on House Bill 701. House Bill 701 authorizes the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of Commission employees; requires the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation; and authorizes the Comptroller, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the pay scale for certain unique positions in their offices.

The Comptroller, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General collectively support House Bill 701 with the below amendments offered for the Committee's consideration. (Please see attached.)

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General requests the Committee adopt our proposed amendments and issue a favorable report on House Bill 701, as amended.

cc: Committee Members

Comptroller, Treasurer, and Attorney General Suggested Amendments to House Bill 701

On Page 3, in line 18, strike beginning with “IN” through line 27, in its entirety.

On Page 3, in line 18, after “COMPTROLLER”, insert “MAY SET THE CLASSIFICATION AND THE PAY SCALE OF POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER WITHIN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR.”

On Page 4, in line 14, strike beginning with “IN” through line 23, in its entirety.

On Page 4, in line 14, after “TREASURER”, insert “MAY SET THE CLASSIFICATION AND THE PAY SCALE OF POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER WITHIN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR.”

On Page 6, in line 25, strike beginning with “IN” through line 2 on Page 7, in its entirety.

On Page 6, in line 25, after “Attorney General”, insert “MAY SET THE CLASSIFICATION AND THE PAY SCALE OF POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITHIN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR.”