

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL

SUPPORTS

SB 493 "Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland"

Children's National supports the creation of the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

Children's National is one of only two Level I Pediatric Trauma Centers serving Maryland's children in need of the highest level of trauma care. Children's National is part of the Maryland Trauma Network and receives patients from throughout the Maryland portion of the metro Washington area – Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert, southern portions of Anne Arundel, and from other regions as well.

Children's National receives funding from Maryland Trauma Physicians Services Fund. While this funding is appreciated, the amount of the annual grant has not been increased since 2008.

Children's National does respectfully request an amendment on the bill to enable participation on the Commission:

On page 2, after line 11, insert "(vii) one representative of a level I pediatric trauma center located outside the State."

For the reasons above, please give SB 493 a favorable report with the amendment.

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