



Statement of Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA)

To the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Chair: Senator Guy Guzzone

January 18, 2023

Senate Bill 3: 9–8–8 Trust Fund – Funding

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the Committee, the Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) is in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 3, 9–8–8 Trust Fund – Funding.

MRHA believes that all Marylanders, including those 1.8 million living in rural Maryland communities, deserve equitable, timely, and effective mental health and substance use care, including help in times of crisis. Funding will help promote existing and new behavioral health services in high need across Maryland.

Sincerely,

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