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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**)

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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.”