

**Bill:** [SB0673 Physician Assistants - Revisions \(Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023\)](#)

**Position:** SUPPORT (FAV)

**Hearing Date:** March 14, 2023

**Committee:** Finance

**Witness:** Tara Jernejcic, PA-C

This is a letter in **Support of SB0673- PA Modernization Act of 2023.**

Senator Carozza,

My name is Tara Jernejcic and I have been a practicing PA for 9 years in Maryland. I am the Clinical Director of the Mount St. Mary's University Physician Assistant Program currently in development. The State of Maryland has been and continues to experience critical healthcare worker shortage in every county, according to [current HRSA data](#). Confounding this shortage, current Maryland laws contain restrictive language limiting the opportunities for physician assistants (PAs) to practice within their full scope of education and professional training.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Senate will hear SB0673, the PA Modernization Act that is designed to bring Maryland regulations to the mainstream. While the bill removes restrictive language, it does not change the scope of PA practice nor the design of collaborative practice to deliver health care services to Marylanders.

In closing, I would like to thank you and the Committee for this opportunity to highlight our profession and would strongly encourage your support of SB0673.

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