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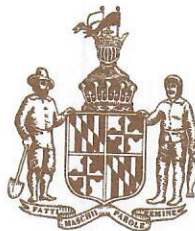
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The Honorable Melony Griffith

Finance Committee

3 East Miller Senate Office Building

RE: Senate Bill 404 Hospitals- Financial Assistance- Medical Bill Reimbursement Process

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 404 is the implementation of the HSCRC workgroup that came out of this committee last year under House Bill 694 that established a process for low-income patients to receive refunds from hospitals that wrongly pursued them for debt.

The workgroup stakeholders convened over the interim to figure out the best process for refunding patients in a way that is HIPPA compliant, protects patient privacy and enables the necessary data sharing between state agencies to identify the patients who are eligible for refunds from the hospitals.

Senate Bill 404 has an amendment in file from the Attorney General that has consensus by all parties involved and matches the cross file, House Bill 333.