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Committee: Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB722 – Physician Assistants - Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners \(Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2023\)](#)

Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

This is a letter in **Support of HB 722- PA Parity Act of 2023.**

Greetings,

My name is Mary Jackson and I am a practicing PA in Maryland for over 13 years. Access to quality, timely medical care is decreasing. Patients are having to wait increasingly long periods of time to meet with providers for needed care. Underserved patients are experiencing nearly insurmountable barriers.

The PA Parity Act allows PAs to support patients and provide access to needed care and resources in a timely and safe manner. If PAs are not legally allowed to provide these services, which are well within the PA scope of practice, patients will suffer.

We must work together to reduce barriers to timely, necessary care. PAs are well trained to apply resources judiciously to patients in need of these services. Creating unnecessary pathways so that patients must wait to see other providers is costly and dangerous.

I urge you to consider the difficulty opposing this bill will have on the healthcare system, healthcare workforce, and most importantly patient outcomes. Please vote for the PA Parity Bill and make accessible, timely, and safe healthcare a reality for Maryland patients.

Many thanks,

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