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Bill: [HB727- Physician Assistants – Revisions \(Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023\)](#)

Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

This is a letter in **Support of HB 727- PA Modernization 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 Modernization Act allows PAs to care for patients within the full scope of practice PAs are well trained in, within well-functioning team based healthcare. This allows PAs to provide cost-effective needed care in a timely and safe manner. Failing to acknowledge the true role of PAs in modern medicine will further the current workforce crisis.

We must work together to reduce barriers to timely, necessary care. PAs are well trained to provide quality care to patients. Creating unnecessary pathways and limiting recognition of modern PA practice is unnecessarily restrictive for the PA profession, strength of interdisciplinary teams, and patient care.

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 Modernization Act and make accessible, timely, and safe healthcare a reality for Maryland patients.

Many thanks,

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