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The Honorable Joselyn A. Pena-Melnyk
Chair, House Health & Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 241
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk:

On behalf of Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), the designated health information exchange (HIE) and health data utility (HDU) for Maryland, I am writing to express our support for HB786 pertaining to *Electronic Health Networks and Electronic Medical Records - Nursing Homes – Release of Records*.

HB786 will ‘authorize nursing homes that use an electronic health network (EHN) or electronic medical record (EMR) platform to direct these vendors to release patient records and other healthcare information to the nursing home’s business associates in such a way that the information conforms with certain specifications, is delivered timely, and is provided without restrictions, limitations, or associated fees.’ We at CRISP promote interoperability and support all efforts that allow data to flow freely and appropriately to health care providers, patients, and others dedicated to improving wellness and health outcomes, and HB786 is no exception.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express our support for HB786.

Sincerely,

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CRISP