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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 329 – Public Health – Commission on Universal Health Care

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 329 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This bill is similar to HB 25 except that it is to create the Commission to create the Universal Health Care system for the State.

We object to a blanket health care program for all Maryland residents.

This is another example of government trying to control and overreach its power and authority to “manage” the people.

Creating another “program” to do what is already possible under existing Federal and State programs, i.e. Medicare, Medicaid, Md Children’s Health Insurance, the Affordable Care Act and other programs seems redundant, unnecessary, and costly.

The potential for “mandating” certain treatments through this program, which could restrict the freedoms of the people, is of grave concern.

Making the services available to illegal immigrants is also against our wishes as it is a magnet for them to come to and stay in our State when they should be deported.

This would be another program that would most likely run into the millions of dollars, and most likely the costs will continue to increase consistently over time, creating further tax burdens on the people.

We would rather see efforts to improve the financial status, skills, job opportunities and other actions that would improve the financial status of the people which would reduce/eliminate the need for health programs for low-income residents.

In other words, fix the problem with the economy and the need for this is eliminated.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers