



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0814

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance
Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

FAVORABLE

TO: Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair, Delegate Ariana B. Kelley, Vice
Chair, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee.

FROM: Lynn Mortoro, Member, Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this bill that will help to keep
our young adults covered with essential health insurance. It is vital that we help
our citizens, young and old, to stay insured. This helps all of us
with lowered health costs resulting from a healthier population with fewer
uncovered health issues.

The Episcopal Church supports comprehensive health care and recognizes the need
for universal and equitable access for all. Our General
Convention urges Episcopalians to advocate for adequate health care, along with
nutrition and housing, as human rights that should be provided to all those residing
in our nation, including veterans. This is viewed as a vital ministry for all of God’s
children, and as a way to promote healthy American communities.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a favorable report.