

Good morning Everyone,

I, Laura Nottingham, am a 32-year retired DHMH Administrative Officer and a 32-year member of MD Classified Employees (Aft Council). I am asking you to join me in support of SB 349 & HB 670 Retirees Prescription bill. I have called several of you, expressing my backing for the above. I have Graves Thyroid Disease, an autoimmune diagnosis, which currently requires medication as well as numerous blood monitoring. If the disease progresses negatively, I will need additional medication and possibly radiation treatments as it could affect major organs. I am currently using Methimazole to keep it under control. This is a deadly disease and has started affecting my energy level and skin. With the benefit of the subsidy, I am able to maintain the otherwise high cost of medications. This allotment is extremely valuable and is a major benefit. I ask that you continue this priceless and necessary asset now and in the years to come. As the high cost of medication arises, we really need your support and a vote in favor of this life-saving legislation.

We appreciate all of you who have already given us your support. Thank you so much for this opportunity to tell my story.

Sincerely,  
Laura Nottingham