

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 705

Health Insurance - Qualified Resident Enrollment Program
(Access to Care Act)

Senate Finance Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Beidle and Members of the
Committee,

My name is John Spillane and I live in Hyattsville. I am
testifying in support of SB 705.

We all benefit when all our residents have healthcare
coverage. We experienced the lack of coverage during the
COVID-19 pandemic, especially in Prince George's
County where infection numbers have been high,
sometimes the highest in the state.

This bill is about making sure that all hard-working,
taxpaying Marylanders can have access to the Maryland
Health Benefit Exchange and the opportunity to purchase
health care insurance. Reducing the state's uninsured
population benefits everyone. The more people who get
routine, preventive care, the more cost savings in
emergency room care, and the better the health of the
community at large.

Everyone, no matter their immigration status, should be able to have access to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the opportunity to pay for health insurance.

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