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MARYLAND/DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Members, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Michael A. Jackson

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 13 – *Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund – Modifications*

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On behalf of the Maryland/District of Columbia Society of Clinical Oncology (MDCSCO), we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 13. This bill limits the authorized uses of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to pediatric cancer research rather than pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Given the limited funds, it is prudent to limit the use of the Cancer Fund to pediatric cancer research. On that note, MDCSCO questions ***House Bill 352: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act***, which authorizes the Governor to transfer \$5 million from the Cancer Fund to the General Fund. If the Cancer Fund is not being fully utilized then, given the need and the research hospitals located in Maryland, the State should review the processes implemented to determine if changes should be made to the grant process to ensure full participation.

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