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To: The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Chair

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Cc: Members, Health and Government Operations Committee

Re: **FAVORABLE SB 18** – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines

The Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA) urges a favorable report for **SB 18 – Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccines, in its current form, with no additional amendments.**

- While we would have liked the bill to truly be a codification of the Federal PREP Act, these cross-filed bills were negotiated over several years and modified to address the age and consent concerns of prescribers and parental advocacy groups.
- The Maryland Department of Health maintains its support of this important public health legislation.
- SB 18 matches HB 76, which was passed by the full House last week.