

Committee: Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill Number: House Bill 65 – Community Health Worker Appreciation Day

Hearing Date: April 2, 205

Position: Support

Moveable Feast supports House *Bill 65 – Community Health Worker Appreciation Day.* This bill requires the Governor to declare May 8th as Community Health Worker Appreciation Day.

Moveable Feast's mission is to improve the health of Marylanders experiencing food insecurity and chronic illness by preparing and delivering medically tailored meals and providing nutrition education, thereby achieving racial, social, and health equity. Community Health Workers often connect qualifying community members to services like ours. Research shows that this connection helps improve lives and saves money¹. Bringing attention to the value of community health workers is a worthy endeavor, to educate more people about their role in improving community health.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

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¹ https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12723008/