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Senate Bill 589 – *Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard*  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports Senate Bill 589. This bill mandates the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), to develop and maintain an interactive public dashboard that tracks Opioid Restitution Fund spending. Public trust in government institutions is paramount, particularly when handling funds intended for public health crises.

By requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response and MDH to develop this interactive dashboard, the bill ensures that all stakeholders can access real-time, detailed information on how opioid settlement funds are allocated and spent. The inclusion of payment schedules, past expenditures, spending plans, and performance measures will provide a comprehensive view of the fund's impact.

This transparency will prevent mismanagement or inefficiencies and will hold responsible entities accountable for the appropriate use of resources. Furthermore, the dashboard will be funded through the Opioid Restitution Fund as appropriated in the state budget, ensuring no additional financial burden on taxpayers or general state funds. For these reasons, MedChi supports Senate Bill 589.

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