



January 27, 2025

The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle
Chairwoman, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Md 21401

Re: Senate Bill 0060- SUPPORT

Dear Madame Speaker,

As a practicing Radiologist in the State of Md that has performed thousands of CT Calcium Scoring examinations, I am pleased to support the early detection of atherosclerotic plaque in people at risk of developing coronary artery disease. SB0060 would require Maryland Medical Assistance Program, insurers, nonprofit health plans, HMO, and MCO to provided coverage for calcium score testing in people who have three of the following coronary disease risk factors:

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- High cholesterol
- Family history of premature coronary artery disease.

Coronary calcium testing is extremely accurate assessment of coronary artery disease and has been embraced by the American College of Radiology. It is commercially available and is measured non-invasively with a 5-minute CT scan of the heart. The higher the calcium score the greater the risk of coronary artery disease and risk of a heart attack.

Passing this bill would reduce the mortality and morbidity from coronary disease by giving asymptomatic patient an opportunity to survive before it's too late.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this important Bill

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doriann Thomas".

Doriann Thomas, MD
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