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Favorable HB 547 – Hospitals - Price Transparency – Requirements - Fund

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Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk and HGO Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mother, licensed therapist and President of Health Choice Maryland. We advocate for medical choice and informed consent and we ask for your favorable vote for HB 547.

Consumers should have the right to transparency regarding medical options and costs. Comparative shopping is intrinsic to our democracy and also functions to drive down costs through competition. Transparency in pricing medical treatments and services will serve as a deterrent to the escalating cost of medical care. Furthermore, the bill provides for covering the costs involved with implementing the program.

We strongly support HB 547 which would be a win for consumers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emily Tarsell

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