

TO: The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Chair, Health and Government Operations

HB519
Unfavorable

FROM: Leslie Ford Weber
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RE: HB519: Public Health – Hospitals – Parking for Patients

Johns Hopkins opposes **HB519 Public Health – Hospitals – Parking for Patients**. This bill mandates that hospitals provide free parking to all inpatients during their admission and to outpatients attending scheduled medical appointments.

Johns Hopkins believes it will be operationally difficult to differentiate between patient vehicles and other visitors to its campuses at the exit point and to ensure that only patients receive the intended benefit.

We further note that this bill will be in conflict with the requirements of local jurisdictions to implement paid parking as a traffic demand management strategy.

Accordingly, Johns Hopkins respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB519. Thank you.