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The Honorable Chair Peña-Melnyk
House Health and Government Operations Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 240
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Bill 926

Good afternoon, Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and the members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 926, also known as **Health Care Malpractice Claims - Health Care Provider - Definition**.

This bill would alter the definition of a "healthcare provider" to include employees, agents, or contractors of a hospital who are licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to render health care services in Maryland in provisions relating to health care malpractice claims.

This bill simply expands the definition of "healthcare provider" to include more individuals who administer healthcare services. By passing this legislation, we could improve patients' safety by holding accountable the vast array of providers that healthcare institutions employ. Moreover, prioritizing patient safety has the potential to lead to an overall higher quality of care for patients.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 926.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.