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**TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL SB0981 - FAVORABLE**  
**WITH ITS AMENDMENTS**  
**Hospitals - Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts - Policies**

**TO:** Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support with its amendments of crossover bill SB0981, **Hospitals - Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies**

This bill is a priority for Progressive Maryland and the Frederick Progressives Chapter.

The Senate version of bill SB0981 passed unanimously with amendments on 3/12/25 and the House version of bill HB0268 passed with amendments 111-24 on 03/06/25. Both bills are the same.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report with its amendments on crossover bill SB0981.**