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Maryland House of Representatives
Health and Government Operations Committee
240 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our **support of HB 417 Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care**.

HB 417 will establish the Commission on Universal Health Care to determine the feasibility of establishing a State universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system. The Commission will consider how to incorporate health care equity, reduce health care disparities, and increase health care access, particularly in urban and rural settings with limited access. The Commission will also consider plans, analyses, programs, and legislation in other states and consider and make recommendations on how to contain costs.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their **support of HB 619 Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care and requests a favorable report**.

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners membership includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chesapeake Chapter President, President, Yvette Laboy at mdchesnapnapleg@outlook.com.

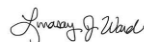
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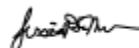
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