

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 240

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

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My name is Rev. Alexa. I am a resident of District Number 17. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 240 the Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council.

I am a minister and concerned citizen of Maryland, Montgomery County and Rockville. My faith, Unitarian Universalism calls for love at the center of all we do. In specific I am concerned about The Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ)'s inadequate oversight of health care in our state. The Stakeholder Advisory Council will provide diverse perspectives to improve quality of care which is clearly needed in our state.

I'm particularly delighted that the Council will serve as a non-regulatory forum to promote engagement and transparency on critical health care issues State wide. I believe that the Council will provide constructive feedback and help to restore public trust in our health care system. The Council will return OHCQ to its vital oversight function and improve what we have experienced as declining quality of care in Maryland health care facilities.

The sole goal of this Council is to improve oversight by OHCQ. Who would object to that?