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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0515- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Health Services Cost Review Commission - Health Facilities - Jurisdiction and Rate Setting

TO: Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0515, **Health Services Cost Review Commission - Health Facilities - Jurisdiction and Rate Setting**

This bill will change the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission and how they account for costs and expenses that health care facilities face from their operation of a facility.

The HSCRC will be kept informed as to whether a facility has enough resources to meet its financial requirements by taking into account all costs incurred or expenditures made by the facility in connection with the operation of the facility, including costs to employ or contract with physicians or other professional providers for which the facility does not receive corresponding offsetting professional revenue.

This bill accomplishes this by altering the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and requiring the Commission, in carrying out certain responsibilities relating to evaluating facility resources to meet certain financial requirements and reviewing costs and rates of hospital services, to take into account all costs incurred or expenditures made by a health facility in connection with the operation of the facility.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0515.