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Bill Number: SB 240

Bill Title: Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council - Establishment

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

**MDOA Position: Letter of Concern**

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of concern on behalf of the Maryland Department of Aging for Senate Bill (SB) 240 - Office of Health Care Quality - Stakeholder Advisory Council - Establishment.

Under longtime statutory authority, MDOA already leads the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. MDOA acknowledges that this new advisory council would be broader in its reach; however, there would be overlap in the membership of the two bodies, as well as discussions relating to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The apparent intent of this legislation is understandable: for key stakeholders and the public regular opportunities to convene, share feedback directly and receive updates from the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ). However, the additional convenings, preparation, and follow up communications could divert substantial OHCQ resources and attention from other critical tasks, which MDOA supports.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at [andrea.nunez@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.nunez@maryland.gov) or (443) 414-8183.

Sincerely,

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