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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0260- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership**

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

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0260, **Maryland Health Care Commission – Membership**

This bill makes two important changes to the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission. First, it will include one member employed by a hospital to provide that perspective to the Commission in their deliberations. Second, it will remove any discrimination against the inclusion of members from our more rural and less populated counties in the Commission so they can offer perspectives that are likely to differ from those of larger counties. This bill should make the Maryland Health Care Commission more representative of the stakeholders affected by their deliberations and decisions.

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including a representative of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0260.**