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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
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House Bill 1616 – Mutual Insurance Holding Companies - Conversion to Mutual Insurers

Dear Chair Beidle,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. respectfully supports *House Bill 1616 – Mutual Insurance Holding Companies - Conversion to Mutual Insurers* and urges the committee to give the bill a favorable report.

League members are supportive of HB 1616 as it will provide additional flexibility to Maryland insurers to organize their company in the way that works best for them. HB 1616, which is identical to Senate Bill 982, expands on a bill passed in 2000, House Bill 119 – Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act, which allowed mutual insurance companies to reorganize into a stock insurance company that is majority-owned by a mutual insurance holding company. While Maryland mutual insurers valued the ability to take advantage of this structure, the original bill did not provide a mechanism for companies to revert back to their original mutual insurance company form.

HB 1616 would provide companies that have maintained 100% control over their capital stock with the ability to revert to the simpler and more streamlined company structure. Importantly, HB 1616 also ensures that the same process is followed whether a company is reorganizing into a holding company structure or reverting back to a mutual insurer, keeping key protections in place. The bill had no opposition in the House and passed unanimously.

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give House Bill 1616 a favorable report.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Members, House Judiciary Committee