



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0493
Nursing Facilities - Involuntary Discharge or Transfer

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TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee

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Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

As a retired Registered Nurse, I strongly support this bill. I worked for many years in the community and helped with placement at times of clients in facilities. It is vital that clients, families and other caregivers know and understand their rights to care. There needs to be a process for discharge for any reason.

The Episcopal Church “supports comprehensive health care and recognizes the need for universal and equitable access for all.” This would mean that proper planning for transitions from facility to another or to a different location, is important for safety and health.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a
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