



To: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 489 – Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools

Date: February 18, 2026

Position: Letter of Information

The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants would like to submit a letter of information on *Senate Bill 489 – Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools*. The bill establishes a framework for a limited license for internationally trained physicians. Under the bill, the Board of Physicians has the authority to set the requirements and terms of licensure. We believe it would be appropriate for those requirements to clarify that limited-license physicians may not serve as the collaborating physician under a physician-PA collaborative agreement outside otherwise regulated healthcare systems.

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