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**VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION**

Re: In Support of HB316

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB316. I am a Maryland lawyer who represents victims of medical malpractice.

Without complete and accurate medical records, it is incredibly difficult for an injured victim to understand what happened to them or their loved one. Medical records often do not include specific timing on when providers were contacted and what information was relayed during those communications. Health care providers are now using secure/secret messaging applications on their cell phones to communicate with each other in real time. These communications often contain patients' protected health information that is crucial to understanding what happened during their care.

It is important that the State of Maryland clarify the definition of Medical Records to include provider to provider communications.

Sincerely,



Justin P. Wright