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TESTIMONY ON HB#1367- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland

TO: Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1367, **Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland**

A comprehensive healthcare system improves patient outcomes through early disease detection, proactive prevention, and integrated care for physical and mental needs. It reduces long-term costs, lowers hospital readmissions, and enhances quality of life by managing chronic conditions effectively. Key advantages include holistic care, increased access to specialists, and streamlined, patient-centered services.¹

Core Benefits of a Comprehensive Healthcare System

- **Proactive Prevention and Early Detection**
- **Improved Patient Outcomes and Quality of Life**
- **Increased Efficiency and Reduced Costs**
- **Continuity of Care**
- **Expanded Access and Specialized Services**
- **Reduced Burden on Emergency Services**
- **Better Resource Management**

Maryland can and should study a re-imagining of Health Care to codify what is the current state of health care in Maryland and how we can create better and more comprehensive health care for residents of Maryland and our health care providers.

This bill will meet that charge by establishing a Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care to envision and make recommendations regarding establishing a comprehensive health care system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by December 1, 2027, and a final report of the Commission's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2029.

This data will guide any actions to be taken to make these changes happen.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1367.

¹ Google AI Search "benefits of a comprehensive health care system"