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TO: The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairman
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The Honorable Veronica Turner

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 345 – *Health- Hospital Summary Financial Statement-
Physician Charges*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) which represents over 7,200 Maryland physicians and their patients supports House Bill 345.

House Bill 345 will ensure that hospital patients, upon discharge, are fully advised that physicians' billings are not included in hospital invoices and are billed separately. MedChi believes that the enactment of House Bill 345 will serve to end any confusion that patients presently have when they receive physicians' invoices for services delivered in the hospital. Such disclosures are particularly important given the confusing complexity of health care billing and insurance paperwork.

MedChi would urge a favorable report on House Bill 345.

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