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The Hon. Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 777 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters
and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement
Letter of Support

Dear Senator Kelley:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports SB 777 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement, which is scheduled for hearing on March 10, 2020.

It is our understanding that this legislation will require the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain emergency medical services providers for certain services provided to recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Programs for at least \$200 per transport and a minimum reimbursement rate of \$100 per interaction for certain services provided by emergency service providers.

Cecil County will benefit from this legislation because of the required reimbursement to our nine Volunteer Fire Companies who serve our county residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Volunteer Fire Companies struggle to raise funds to support their services. This legislation will also provide funding when the person having an emergency is unwilling to be transported to the hospital or other emergency care facility. Cecil County provides funding to support its fire companies but unreimbursed ambulance runs impact all fire companies.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Senate Finance Committee consider a favorable report on SB 777.

Sincerely,


Robert Meffley
Council President

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Senator Jason Gallion