



STATE OF MARYLAND

Community Health Resources Commission

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March 2, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 802 – **Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports – Membership and Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund – Revisions**

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 802 - Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports – Membership and Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund – Revisions.

The CHRC appreciates the vote of confidence from the Maryland General Assembly when it directed the CHRC to help staff the new Maryland Consortium on Coordinating Community Supports, which was established under Chapter 36 (2021). SB 802 will make a few modest adjustments as the CHRC prepares to staff and launch the new Consortium. These adjustments include adding two additional members to the Consortium; clarifying the responsibilities of the CHRC; and adding two additional PINs to the CHRC as we prepare to implement the Act.

The CHRC looks forward to staffing the new Maryland Consortium on Coordinating Community Supports and supporting the policy objectives to expand access to behavioral health services contemplated under Chapter 36 (2021). The CHRC respectfully requests a favorable report of SB 802 from the Budget and Tax Committee.

Sincerely,

Mark Luckner,
CHRC Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, CHRC Chair
Members, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee