



STATE OF MARYLAND

Community Health Resources Commission

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chairman, 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:

Thank you for introducing SB 802 and working with the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) as you developed this bill. The CHRC respectfully submits this letter of support for SB 802.

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. This year's bill (SB 802) would 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 from 2021. We look forward to working with you and the Members of the Maryland General Assembly in the coming weeks and months as the important work of the Consortium begins.

Sincerely,

Mark Luckner,
CHRC Executive Director

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