



Statement of Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA)

To the House Appropriations Committee

Chair: Delegate Ben Barnes

March 9th, 2023

House Bill 675: Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committee, the Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) is in SUPPORT of House Bill 675: Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

MRHA recognized the importance of trauma centers in ensuring the health of Maryland residents. Research has shown that trauma centers can decrease death rates for all treated trauma patients by 15–20%.¹ They can additionally lower mortality from medically preventable causes by more than 50%.¹

Supporting HB 675 will ensure Maryland trauma centers receive enough funding to care for all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

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