



March 5, 2012

The Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.  
Judiciary Committee  
Room 101, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1912

Re: HB 1099 - Criminal Law - Second Degree Assault - Health Care Practitioners - **Support**

Dear Senator Vallario:

HB 1099 proposes to amend the current law for assault on law enforcement officers being classified as assault in the second degree to include health care practitioners who are assaulted while performing their duties.

Our community health workers such as homecare or hospice workers and our facility based health care practitioners are often faced with aggressive behaviors by patients and/or caregivers that put them at risk for physical harm. This bill will hold the attacker accountable at the same level as if they were attacking a law enforcement officer.

For these reasons above, The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce asks that your committee give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael McMullin'.

Michael McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Joseph M. Getty  
Delegate Susan W. Krebs