Dear [ ]

I am writing to you in support of HB 25/SB 311, the Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act.

[Insert personal information, where you live, where you work, why this is important to you].

Maryland’s hospitals have served in crisis mode for nearly a year on the front lines of COVID-19. Health care facilities, doctors, nurses, and teams are caring for the state during this public health emergency.

Hospitals have had to drastically change how they operate to care for COVID and non-COVID patients alike. Maryland laws are outdated and fail to protect our communities’ caregivers. Existing liability protections in Maryland law need to be updated and clarified to reflect the unique challenges facing health care facilities and providers. The unprecedented demands of the pandemic response, as well as countless state orders and directives, have caused potential legal vulnerabilities for Maryland’s health care system.

To help, I ask you to **support the Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act**. This bill ensures those serving Marylanders during a state-declared catastrophic health emergency are protected from unsubstantiated lawsuits. It acknowledges the disruption to all aspects of care delivery and keeps liability protections for 180 days after the emergency ends.

This bill brings Maryland in line with 28 other states and Washington, D.C.—they have all passed laws or issued executive orders to protect their hospital and health care workers. In Maryland, we are not seeking to change the existing liability standard already provided in current law.

Take care of the state’s health care frontlines: Support the Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act.

Sincerely,

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