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The Honorable Kathleen M. Dumais  
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**RE: SUPPORT HB 395 Health Care Malpractice Claims – Definition of “Health Care Provider”**

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM), the statewide professional association which represents nearly 4,200 nurse practitioners in Maryland, **SUPPORTS** HB 395 Health Care Malpractice Claims – Definition of “Health Care Provider”.

Nurse Practitioners provide primary, acute and critical health care services to the people of Maryland and work in all types of health care settings. HB 395 assures that **ALL** health care providers, licensed or legally authorized to practice by one of Maryland’s health occupations boards, will be included in the definition of “health care provider”. It also extends that definition to the employees and agents who deliver and assist in the delivery of care within health care institutions. NPAM supports the use of this inclusive definition which clarifies that ALL licensed or otherwise authorized providers will be treated similarly in health care malpractice claims.

Thank you for sponsoring HB 395. If you would like to consult with NPAM members further regarding the bill, please contact our Executive Director, Beverly Lang, at 888-405-NPAM or [NPAMExecDir@npedu.com](mailto:NPAMExecDir@npedu.com).

Sincerely,

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