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The Honorable Governor Abigail Spanberger

Delivered via Electronic Mail: Abigail.Spanberger@governor.virginia.gov;
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Re: Request for Enactment of Senate Bill 745 — Prohibiting Exclusive In-Network Steering of Pathology and Laboratory Services by Health Insurers

Dear Governor Spanberger:

The Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) respectfully asks you to sign Senate Bill 745. This measure, carried in the Senate by Senator Kannan Srinivasan and mirrored in the House by House Bill 424 under the sponsorship of Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling, achieved unanimous passage in both chambers — a testament to the broad, bipartisan recognition that this legislation addresses a genuine and pressing patient concern.

The MSV supports this legislation. Under the current regulatory environment, health insurance plans are permitted to channel pathology and laboratory referrals — regardless of the clinical context or the preferences of the treating physician — to a single insurer-selected commercial laboratory. The consequences of this arrangement extend beyond inconvenience: delays in diagnosis, fragmented medical records, and compromised specimen integrity.

Signing this legislation will protect patient access, strengthen care coordination, and eliminate a practice that has for too long operated to the detriment of Virginians without their knowledge or consent.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical patient protection measure. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Barrineau, Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy, at cbarrineau@msv.org or 704-609-4948.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Clark Barrineau".

M. Clark Barrineau
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The Medical Society of Virginia