



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Susan R. Donovan

Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: H5848 - An Act Relating to Human Services – Community Health Centers

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

Thundermist Health Center is submitting this letter in support of House Bill 5848.

HB 5848 recognizes the importance of investing in community health centers to help address the health care capacity needs in our state.

The bill also promotes statewide coordination with EOHHS and DOH to seek funding that can help to enhance and expand existing programs that provide high quality primary medical, behavioral, and dental care to 1 of every 3 Medicaid eligible individuals.

Thundermist is particularly pleased to see the explicit mention of the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THC-GME). Thundermist has worked to receive accreditation from HRSA to conduct a primary care residency program and is currently concluding the planning process for the residency. This bill and HB5526 will ensure Thundermist's THC -GME effort is funded.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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