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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO:

The Maryland Patient Safety Center takes great pride in keeping Maryland healthcare safe, and we recognize that highly reliable care requires consistent and transparent communication.

In light of the recent conviction of a former nurse at Vanderbilt University Medical Center for a medical error, we at the MPSC stand firmly against the criminalization of unintentional medical errors.

Through extensive experience in our military, the airline industry and healthcare, we know that without a platform for clear and open reporting, system failures and human errors will be repeated. Our opportunities to counter bad outcomes, learn lessons, and create improvement strategies will diminish if nonpunitive error reporting is suppressed through actions like this.

To err is human - despite our greatest efforts, none of us is truly immune to error. But through collective efforts we can identify and correct problems early and prevent future patient safety events before they occur. We ask you to join us in recommitting to a nonpunitive, open reporting system for medical errors. Let our communities and elected officials know that this is the proven way to make our healthcare safer for all.

Sincerely,



Blair Eig, MD
President & CEO