



## Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

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### House Bill 0456 In Support Of

**Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs –  
Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Hearing: February 12, 2020**

Dear Honorable Delegate Shane Pendergrass, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair, and Distinguished Health and Government Operations Committee members,

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on House Bill 456 Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia.

We support this bill because it is call for disseminating information through public health outreach programs on Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s and other types of Dementia, conditions that are very common and that impact millions of individuals and families every year. Educating health care providers about early detection, increased understanding and awareness and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline are important quality of life issues. Knowledgeable providers can better care for people as they get older and help families understand and care for their loved ones.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge a favorable report on House Bill 456.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie Downey".

Ann Marie Downey  
President

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Virginia G. Crespo  
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