

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Members of Health and Government Operations Committee,

My name is Ijeoma Eberonwu and I am a Physical Therapist and the Director of Rehabilitation Services at Clifton T Perkins hospital center. I have had the opportunity to work alongside board-certified Music Therapists and have been impressed with the clinical impact that music therapy has on the lives of the patients we serve. As a result, I am writing in support of [SB766], to create a Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for music therapy licensure in Maryland.

I believe that the establishment of music therapy licensure in Maryland will help ensure that the Patients at CTPHC receive quality music therapy services. There is a significant difference between a board-certified music therapist, with the credential MT-BC, versus an individual claiming to be a “music therapist” who does not have the required training and experience. It is vital to all residents and consumers of healthcare in Maryland that this level of quality be assured through the creation of music therapy licensure.

Please support efforts to establish a Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for music therapy licensure by voting “yes” for [HB1 102].

Sincerely,



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