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Subject line: In support of [HB1102]

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

My name is Genia Hill and I am a Security Officer working at Bayer Radiology. While working at Bayer Radiology, I had the opportunity to work alongside board certified music Tatyana Martin and have been impressed with the clinical impact that music therapy has on the lives of the patients I serve. I am writing in support of [HB1102], to create a Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for music therapy licensure in Maryland.

I have in my experience both personal and professional have found that patients that receive musical therapy have better outcomes in their treatment/progress. Many patients find that the expression through music helps to alleviate or express their psychological experience.

I believe that the establishment of music therapy licensure in Maryland will help ensure that the patients/clients at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center 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 [HB1102].

Sincerely,

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