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Maryland House of Delegates 6 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 535: Maryland, American - Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter Act.

Members of the Maryland House Health and Government Operations Committee.

As a parent and advocate for persons with disabilities, I can't help but support bill HB 535.

Parent Advocacy Consortium supports any bill that promotes more inclusion for persons with disabilities. This bill would bring about the standardization of licensing ASL interpreters and help to provide qualified ASL interpreter services to a wider audience statewide.

We hope that you will support HB 535.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of my testimony today.

Mr. Richard Ceruolo

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