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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair
Members, House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Bonnie Cullison

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT** – House Bill 25 – *Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)*

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services (MAADS), a provider association representing medical adult day care centers throughout Maryland, we respectfully support the passage of House Bill 25 with an amendment to include medical adult day care centers.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland Department of Health has required medical adult day care centers to provide remote services to clients through phone calls to monitor their health status and avoid potential declines. Medical adult day care services continue to provide this service and hope to reopen their centers and provide direct care under the requirements imposed on them by the State. Given that the federal HHS has stated that the public health emergency declaration will most likely extend through 2021, centers should be afforded the same protections provided to other health care facilities throughout this pandemic. **Therefore, on behalf of our members, MAADS respectfully requests that House Bill 25 be amended to include medical adult day centers.** Thank you.

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