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STATE OF MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

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Delores E. Kelley, Chair
Senate Fin. Committee
3 East Wing
11 Bladen St.
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: House Bill 378 (Maryland Health Care Commission – Palliative Care Services – Workgroup)

Dear Chair Kelley,

An important part of the State Advisory Council's statutory mission contained in Health-General 13-1604 is to "advise the General Assembly on legislative proposals affecting the provision of care at the end of life."

The Council supports passage of House Bill 378 because the Council believes that the information to be gathered and the recommendations to be made by the palliative care workgroup created by this bill would help advance Maryland's efforts to improve the quality of care given to its citizens at the end of life. This is because quality palliative care services are absolutely critical to patients and their loved ones to help ensure that the best possible quality of life is provided to patients at the end of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Eason".

Alan Eason
Chair

cc: The Honorable Ken Kerr

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