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RE: Senate Bill 298 Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate's Judicial Proceeding Committee,

I urge you to support Senate Bill 298. This bill provides important protections for public health professionals who face hostile and intimidating reactions from citizens when implementing scientifically validated best practices. This legislation is important because it provides prosecutors with a clear path to hold people accountable who use social media and other methods to intimidate and threaten public health officials and their families. Elected officials currently have such legal protections. We ask for comparable recognition under Maryland Law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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