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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

RE: Favorable HB1097

On behalf of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association (MDVMA) and its member veterinarians and veterinary technicians, we appreciate the devotion of the bill sponsor to help clarify and codify key responsibilities of the veterinary team in veterinary hospitals across the state of Maryland. We feel the provision of clarity in defining roles helps elucidate clearly individual responsibilities and may better empower veterinary providers to appropriately utilize support staff to improve efficiency of care to their patients and the clientele depending on them. Additionally, these clear definitions reinforce the responsibility of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to ensure all providers are upholding an acceptable, high standard of care.

Sincerely,

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