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Maryland Senate
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

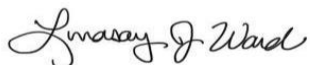
On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our **support of HB420 State and Local Parks - Play Area Accessibility - Communication Boards.**

This bill would require the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct communication boards in certain newly constructed public play areas that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to communicate. This will allow children with disabilities to communicate some of their wants and needs and further inclusion of children with disabilities

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their support to **HB420 State and Local Parks - Play Area Accessibility - Communication Boards and requests a favorable.**

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners membership includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chesapeake Chapter President, Lindsay J. Ward at 410-507-3642 or at mdchesnapnapleg@outlook.com.

Sincerely,



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