



Thursday, March 14, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 1009 – Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances - FAV

Dear Chair Beidle -

Senate Bill 1009 (SB1009), establishes a task force to study the responsible use of natural psychedelic substances. This task force is tasked with studying and making recommendations in a report to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2025. As introduced, a seat on this task force is allocated to the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA), and the MCA is additionally responsible for staffing the task force. The MCA supports the efforts, research, and report outlined in SB1009.

The MCA believes that it is well positioned to staff and support the task force. The MCA led the State's recent transition from a medical cannabis program to the adult-use program and has the necessary experience in developing regulatory frameworks for substances that have previously been banned, restricted, or otherwise highly regulated under federal and State law.

I hope this information is useful. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at (410) 487-8069 or william.tilburg@maryland.gov or Andrew Garrison, Chief of the Office of Policy and Government Affairs at (443) 844-6114 or andrew.garrison@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Tilburg". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

Will Tilburg, JD, MPH
Director, Maryland Cannabis Administration

cc: Members of the Senate Finance Committee