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Dear Senator,

I am writing this to express my opposition to Senate Bill 197, which is currently under consideration. This is to highlight that many Residential Services Agencies (RSA) in Maryland are already struggling to operate with a slim margins and competitiveness out there in the community. With this new bill in consideration of restricting RSA's to prohibit from using 1099 contractors is going to put these RSAs in a critical position to continue providing services to hundreds of vulnerable people that are being served and cared for. This is simply unsustainable for RSAs and puts them at a higher risk of going out of business. With many RSAs currently using 1099 contractors and serving hundreds of Medicaid participants, it is a valid concern that these vulnerable populations will get impacted adversely as this change will make it challenging for these current RSAs to operate and remain afloat. These RSAs have been highly dedicated in serving these populations for many years and will continue to do so. This is to urge you to carefully evaluate the potential consequences of Senate Bill 197, on our community, the Medicaid participants and the RSAs.

I appreciate your dedication to public service and the hard work you put into representing the community. Please take into account the valid concerns raised here.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and trust that you will make an informed decision that reflects the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

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