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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 615 – General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Maryland Veterans
Suicide Prevention Day – Letter of Support as Amended**

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for Senate Bill (SB) 615 – General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day.

SB 615 requires the Governor to declare September 30th as Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day every year. The Department supports this bill to bring attention to and provide awareness of the issues leading to veteran suicides and the critical work to destigmatize mental health support.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary