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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 243 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee – Sunset Extension - Letter of Support

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 243 State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee – Sunset Extension. This legislation extends the sunset date of the Board from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

SB 243 extends the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee until July 1, 2026 which falls under the Board. This will align the Committee's termination date with the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, putting them on the same cycle.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LH Scott", is placed above the typed name of the signatory.

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