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

Delegate Bonnie Cullison
Health and Government Operations Committee, Vice-Chair
House Office Building, Room 241
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 1078, **SUPPORT - Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Remote
Ultrasound Procedures and Remote Fetal Nonstress Tests**

Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

The Advanced Medical Association (AdvaMed) is honored to support HB 1078. This bill leverages innovative digital technology to drive improved outcomes for mothers and babies by increasing access to maternity healthcare. It also helps to reduce costs through reducing pregnancy related complications – such as hypertension and diabetes.

AdvaMed is the largest association representing medical technology innovators and manufacturers. Our members are the device, diagnostics, and digital technology manufacturers transforming health care through earlier disease detection, less invasive procedures, and more effective treatments. They range from the smallest startups to multinational corporations. AdvaMed members are proud to have a [footprint in Maryland](#), where the med tech industry generates \$1.87 billion a year and sustains over 5,500 jobs.

AdvaMed's mission is to ensure access to innovative technologies which improve patient lives. This bill aligns with this by expanding access to numerous health technologies, including remote patient monitoring and portable ultrasound. Appropriate use of these and other tools enabled by this legislation will help reduce stress, improve compliance, and ultimately lead to better, healthier outcomes.

Patients should have access to healthcare regardless of their location – via physical or virtual means. This bill takes significant strides in making this a reality for prenatal and postpartum women. AdvaMed is honored to support this legislation.

Sincerely,



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Senior Director, State Government and Regional Affairs

