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Testimony in support of Bill HB0548, Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic
Substances
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Greetings,

I strongly support bill HB0548's mission to establish a task force on responsible use of psychedelic substances. Psychedelics have been in use by indigenous cultures for thousands of years, and modern research has shown overwhelming evidence of the efficacy of psychedelics in treating various psychological and neurological conditions. Maryland's own Johns Hopkins is one of the many highly-esteemed research institutions exploring this field, and the data they've produced speaks for itself. It's time for Maryland to embrace a safe and beneficial approach to psychedelic legislation.

There are obviously many different facets to consider when considering legislation of this nature; I feel that the composition of the task force proposed in HB0548 is an excellent cross-section of disciplines and perspectives, so they would be well equipped to comprehensively address each of those facets.

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