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January 11th, 2024
The Maryland State Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
2 East Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 80: *Estates and Trusts - Appointment of Personal Representative - Objections*

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Under current Maryland law, any person can file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative to administer the estate of a decedent, whether or not such a person has an interest in the estate. Senate Bill 80 amends Section 7-103(b) of the Maryland Estates and Trusts Article so as to only allow an “interested person” or “unpaid claimant” against the estate to file objections to the appointment of the personal representative.

In this way, Senate Bill 80 will ensure that only those who have an interest in an estate or who have a claim against the estate will have standing to object to the appointment of the personal representative.

This bill is an initiative of the Estates and Trusts Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, and I am pleased that Roland Schrebler from the Estates and Trusts Section is with me today to further explain the need for this bill and to assist in answering your questions about the bill.

I appreciate the Committee’s consideration of Senate Bill 80 and will be happy to answer any questions the Committee might have.