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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building, Room 101
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Luke Clippinger,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **HB1127 Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth – Reimbursement and Study**.

This bill authorizes the reimbursement of a sexual assault forensic exam conducted through telehealth under certain circumstances. This legislation ensures that if the resources are not available at the location where the victim is then a physician can give instruction through telehealth to the physician conducting the exam. This bill also ensures that these services are provided without charge. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the accessibility of services for victims of sexual assault and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Edith J. Patterson'.

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President