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Favorable – HB 60 – Rehabilitation Services – Disability – Definition – Del. Guyton

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I respectfully request your consideration and favorable report on HB 60 to repeal antiquated and offensive language defining disability from Maryland Law. This bill specifically replaces the term “defect” with “impairment” to bring the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services definition in line with accepted definitions in other areas of the education code and with the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

I hope that this Committee will recognize the power of language to influence the success of our mission to gainfully employ people with disabilities and provide a favorable report on HB 60.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton