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SB 379 – Recovery Residence Grant Program - Funding

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

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Position: SUPPPORT

Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD) is a nonprofit education and advocacy organization that brings together consumers, families, clinicians, advocates and concerned citizens for unified action in all aspects of mental health and substance use disorders (collectively referred to as behavioral health). We appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of SB 379.

Recovery residences are an important part of the continuum of care for people in early recovery. They deliver peer support and structured living and greatly increase an individual's odds of successfully recovering from a substance use disorder.

Research shows that, compared to returning home immediately after residential treatment, living in a recovery residence brings about higher abstinence rates, greater rates of employment and lower rates of criminal recidivism.

There is a dire need for quality recovery residences. To offer quality programs, recovery residences need sufficient funds. SB 379 would ensure continued grant funding for recovery residences to stay financially afloat while delivering high-quality services that follow best practices.

For these reasons, MHAMD supports SB 379 and urges a favorable report.

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