



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Protheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)

FAVORABLE

TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)

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Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony in favor of this bill.

As a retired registered nurse as well as a member of the Episcopal Church, I am in favor of this bill.

The Church as resolved to support the removal of socially-determined barriers to health care. The coverage of orthoses and protheses fits in this definition. It can mean the difference between jobs, being able to get out of the house, to be confident in appearance and importantly, be able to maintain a better diet in the case of orthoses. People will be able to remain and be productive members of our communities.

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a FAVORABLE report

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