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February 10, 2026

The Honorable Heather Bagnall, Chair
House Health Committee
Taylor Office Building, Room 240
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT - House Bill 445 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)

Dear Chair Bagnall,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of House Bill 445, also known as the So Every Body Can Move Act.

The purpose of this legislation is to require the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to “provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2027 and clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job-related activities, or performing certain other physical activities.”

Marylanders living with limb loss or limb differences are unable to afford and access orthotics that help them be physically active due to inadequate insurance coverage. This legislation provides improved coverage for orthoses, replacements, repairs, and parts that do not currently exist.

For the reasons noted above, we are asking for a favorable report on House Bill 445.

Sincerely,



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President, APTA Maryland