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Senate Bill 0725

In Support Of

**Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs –
Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Hearing: March 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Honorable Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair, and Honorable Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair, and Distinguished Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee members,

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 725 Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia.

We support this bill because it is a call for disseminating information through public health outreach programs on Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s and other types of Dementia, conditions that are very common and that impact millions of individuals and families every year. Educating health care providers about early detection, increased understanding and awareness and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline are important quality of life issues. Knowledgeable providers can better care for people as they get older and help families understand and care for their loved ones.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 725.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ann Marie Downey in cursive.

Ann Marie Downey
President

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