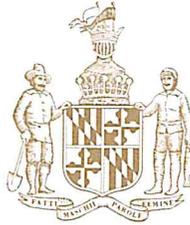


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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
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Dear ~~Chair~~ Pendergrass:

Shane

Thank you for your consideration of the Maryland State Agency Transparency Act (HB 421), a relatively simple and bipartisan piece of legislation.

As a reminder, the legislation requires certain state boards and commissions to institute transparency measures at their public meetings. The agencies are required to post their meeting agendas at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, provide a video livestream of the meeting, and post their meeting minutes online within two business days of approval of the minutes. As you may recall, this committee passed similar legislation last year for the State Board of Elections.

I have submitted amendments to specify that meeting minutes be made available for a minimum of five years after the date of the meeting and that the archived video recordings be made available for at least one year after the date of the meeting.

I urge you to support the Maryland State Agency Transparency Act to keep Maryland moving in the right direction in the field of government transparency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Korman".

Marc Korman

