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Dear Senator Lee and Delegates Pippy and Atterbeary,

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I am pleased to advise you of the Academy of Forensic Nursing (AFN) support and endorsement of your proposed bill amending Maryland Law to make strangulation and suffocation felony offenses. This will help increase safety and save lives for many women each year across the state and help prevent homicides of women, children. Literature abounds with statistics that state if a woman is strangled one time she is 750% more likely to be killed.

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