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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chairman
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 161 - Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education - Letter of Information

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of information on Senate Bill 161 - Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, the Department unfortunately does not have the fiscal or personnel resources to implement this bill if it is passed. Many of the Department's current personnel have already increased their workload and absorbed additional tasks that are critical to the COVID-19 response.

We recognize and value the importance of this bill and its impact on Marylanders. As such, we respectfully request this bill be held and reintroduced in the 2022 Session. We look forward to working with the bill sponsor(s) and appropriate stakeholders in the interim.

I hope this information is useful. If you have questions or need more information about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov or Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs Heather Shek at the same number or heather.shek@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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