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Testimony in Favor of SB836
State Board of Dental Examiners - Disciplinary Action - Disclosure Requirements and Licensee Profiles

Chairman Pinsky, Vice-Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

I am proud to submit this additional letter of support for Senator Beidle's Senate Bill 836. This commonsense legislation is in direct response to horrific events that were allowed to occur in Anne Arundel County over the past 10 years.

The General Assembly entrusts the safety of dentals practices and Marylanders to the Board of Dental Examiners. It is their job to efficiently and responsibly investigate, address, and resolve complaints to ensure quality dental care. As we have seen recently in Anne Arundel County and outlined by Senator Beidle, this trust was broken and Marylanders suffered needlessly.

After reading about the case in Anne Arundel County, Senator Beidle and I met with the Board's staff to discuss this bill and the actions we felt needed to be taken to help the Board do their job. It was a productive meeting - that is why it is disappointing, and frankly unacceptable, for the Board to now say there is nothing appealing about this bill. I don't think Marylanders would or should accept that position or the status quo.

I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Beidle and this Committee to find a solution and protect Marylanders. I wholeheartedly support the legislation put forward to ensure the safety of our residents and urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

Sarah Elfreth

