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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
The Honorable Chris West

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 167 – *State Board of Social Work Examiners – Temporary License to Practice Social Work*

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services (MAADS), a provider association representing medical adult day care centers throughout Maryland, we respectfully **support** the passage of Senate Bill 167. Maryland regulations (COMAR 10.12.04.16 and COMAR 10.09.07.05) require medical adult day centers to utilize the services of a social worker. Historically, medical adult day care centers, especially in the rural areas of the State, have had difficulty contracting with individuals to satisfy this requirement, which has prompted centers to receive waivers from this requirement from the Maryland Department of Health.

While medical adult day centers have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a concern that upon re-opening, this issue will be exacerbated. Senate Bill 167 provides a limited exception, like what is currently permitted for occupational therapists, that will provide greater flexibility while maintaining appropriate safeguards for medical adult day centers to be able to meet their regulatory requirements.

We urge a favorable vote.

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