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The Honorable Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: TechNet Supports SB. 0003 – Preserve Telehealth Access Act

Dear Chair Kelley,

On behalf of TechNet, I write today in strong support of SB 3, which will greatly enhance access to essential telehealth services.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. Our diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over three million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

Telehealth is fundamentally altering how patients experience care. New telecommunications technologies allow health care professionals to provide patients with medical care and services in convenient, affordable, and accessible ways. As noted in this bill's preamble, telehealth has been critical in maintaining and enhancing access to patient care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

TechNet supports the goal of SB 3 in leveraging telehealth to advance health equity in Maryland. We applaud the sponsor in taking a forward-looking approach to the definition of "telehealth" to encompass synchronous and asynchronous, video and audio-only, and remote patient monitoring technologies. Establishing technology-neutral definitions like those proposed in SB 4 will ensure that Maryland patients and health care practitioners can benefit from the full range of services available now and in the future.

For these reasons, TechNet urges the Committee to review this legislation favorably. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



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