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The Honorable Delores Kelley
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
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**RE: SB 5 – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities –
Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Kelley and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 5 (SB 5), Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Pertaining to the Health Occupations Boards, SB 5 will require that all licensed health care practitioners in Maryland complete an implicit bias training course as a basis for their first renewal after October 1, 2021. The Board believes implicit bias training is an important area of education that each health occupations licensee should complete. The Board supports the training to fulfill an education component as part of the 30 continuing education credit hours required for Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists. The Board looks forward to working with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities on the implementation of implicit bias training for our licensees.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. If you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-764-4741 or marie.savage@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

The opinion of the Board expressed in this letter of support does not necessarily reflect that of the Department of Health or the Administration.