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Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland has voted to offer **favorable** support for HB 915- Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals. This legislation aims to have more Black, Latino, and other underrepresented mental health professionals in Maryland.

The purpose of this legislation would be to establish a workgroup on Black, Latino, and other underrepresented mental health professionals. This is important because of the lack of underrepresented mental health professionals. The workgroup would include the Presidents of Maryland's 4 public historically black colleges and universities. The workgroup would make recommendations on how to increase representation throughout the state. For these reasons, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland supports HB 915.

Respectfully,

Darryl Barnes

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