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Bill: House Bill 548 - Human Services - Trauma-Informed Care - Commission and Training

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair, & Committee Members:

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The Maryland Psychological Association (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral-level psychologists from throughout the state, is writing in support of **House Bill 548 - Human Services - Trauma-Informed Care - Commission and Training**. We are discussing the following amendment with the Sponsor, and respectfully request consideration as a friendly amendment, the addition of the following Commission members:

Diversity

Whitney Hobson, PsyD

“Two Licensed Mental Health Clinicians with expertise in trauma, including demonstrated experience and training in Children and Adolescent Care, and Family Care”

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We believe that this will add another important dimension to the work of the Commission and provide important experience and expertise that encompass all ages and stages of life.

Ethics

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For these reasons, the Maryland Psychological Association asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 548 with the amendment.

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Thank you for considering our comments on HB 548. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the MPA Executive Director, Stefanie Reeves, MA, CAE at 410-992-4258 or exec@marylandpsychology.org.

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