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Testimony in Support of HB123- Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021 **House Government and Operations Committee** **January 27, 2021**

The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that supports policies that meet the housing and care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

MSCAN enthusiastically supports HB123 for its potential to positively impact the lives of seniors by allowing more access to telehealth. Expanded use of telehealth has been a critical component in Maryland's effort to mitigate spread of the coronavirus. The service expansion has become a vital part of Maryland's continuum of care and it must be preserved well past the current pandemic. Specifically, the continued use of audio only telehealth has been invaluable to our Seniors who do not always have stable internet or have technological challenges to video health care.

MSCAN coalition member service providers have seen first-hand how important telehealth services are to both clients and their client's family members.

For these reasons, MSCAN urges a favorable report on SB3 and SB393