## Support SB168: Public Health- Maryland Suicide Fatality Review

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## **Health and Government Operations**

Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

Centers for Independent Living are disability resource and advocacy organizations run by people with disabilities for people with disabilities. Although suicide isn't necessarily a disability specific issue, many people who attempt and/or complete suicide also have a psychiatric disability. The development of a Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee will work to find innovative solutions to prevent needless suicides and improve supports like those provided by Centers for Independent Living.

The undersigned Centers for Independent Living strongly urge a favorable report on this bill.

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