

BALTIMORE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY
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January 25, 2021

Delegate and Committee Chair Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass
Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee
Sent by email

RE: Support for HB0123, Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee,

We are writing in support of Support for HB0123, Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability is a body appointed by the Mayor to oversee the creation and implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan. The 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan addresses a wide range of social, economic and environmental goals for the City, and it does so through an equity lens.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability has a strong interest in the success of HB0123. As the Sustainability Plan notes, “We all benefit from robust neighborhoods and thriving societies. The more equitable our city, the more sustainable we all are.” The Covid pandemic, which has exacerbated many inequities, brought telehealth as a silver lining, increasing options for how residents can access their medical practitioners. Equity requires that we permanently retain this service.

We urge the Committee to support HB0123.

Sincerely,

Miriam Avins
Co-chair, Commission on Sustainability

Cc: Delegate Pena-Melnyk