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The Hon. Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

The Hon. Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
House Health & Gov't Ops. Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairs Kelley and Pendergrass:

Thank you for your correspondence, dated June 8, 2020 and March 11, 2020, to the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) regarding expanding access to doula care. We thank the committees for their continued interest in this subject and for the continuation of the study of this subject through the 2021 interim.

I have asked my Boards and Commission liaison, Kimberly Link, Esq., to work with the stakeholders and the bill sponsors of House Bill 1067 (2020) and Senate Bill 914 (2020) to see if the issues can be more clearly defined during the 2020 interim and if resolution can be reached on the issues throughout the 2021 interim.

Ms. Link will reach out to the stakeholders to encourage the parties to meet on their own at their earliest convenience. We hope that useful information can be submitted to the committees before December 1, 2021.

Ms. Link will work with Ms. Rowe, counsel for the House Health and Government Operations Committee, to keep the committees informed. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Ms. Link at [kimberly.link@maryland.gov](mailto:kimberly.link@maryland.gov) or Webster Ye, Director of Governmental Affairs, at [webster.ye@maryland.gov](mailto:webster.ye@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary