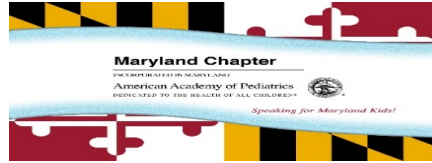


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The Honorable Adelaide C. Eckardt

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 168 – *Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 168.

The above-named organizations support the establishment of a Suicide Fatality Review Committee to assist the State in addressing the increasing incidences of suicide through the development of initiatives designed to respond to the factors identified as contributing to the incidence of suicide. As amended, Senate Bill 168 addresses the concerns regarding the composition of the Committee and the need to coordinate with existing fatality review committees, which were expressed with respect to the legislation as introduced. As amended by the Senate, a favorable report is requested.

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