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HB 1156 Commission on Men and Fatherhood March 17, 2021

Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Distinguished Members
of Health and Government Operations Committee:

For the Record, I am Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative
District 6 in Baltimore County. Thank you for the opportunity
to speak to you today. It is always good to be among friends.

The purpose of this bill which is cross-filed as SB 807 by
Senator Salling is to establish a State Commission on Men and
Fatherhood under the Department of Human Services. This
Commission would consist of 25 members appointed by the
Governor from a geographic diversity for a four year term
whose interests relate to the status of men. The Commission
shall meet at least six times a year and annually vote for a Chair
and Vice Chair. The Secretary of Human Services and Secretary
of Health may participate in the Commission as ex officio non-
voting members. An Executive Director shall be a Merit
Employee but Members of the Commission may not receive
compensation except for reimbursement for standard state travel
regulations as provided in the State Budget. This Commission is
long overdue for men and fathers and their issues. I respectfully
request a favorable report on House Bill 1156.

Thank you for your time and consideration.