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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable Chris West

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 210 – *COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity*

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services (MAADS), a provider association representing medical adult day care centers throughout Maryland, we respectfully support the passage of Senate Bill 210 with an amendment. Senate Bill 210 provides civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person, including a health care facility, who acts in compliance with statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing. The bill defines a health care facility as those listed under § 19-114 of the Health-General Article. Unfortunately, medical adult day centers are not included under this section of law and, hence, are not afforded protection from liability.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland Department of Health has required medical adult day care centers to provide remote services to clients through daily phone calls to monitor their health status and avoid potential declines. Medical adult day care services continue to provide this service and hope to reopen their centers and provide direct care under the requirements imposed on them by the State. As such, they should be afforded the same protections provided to other health care facilities. Therefore, on behalf of our members, MAADS respectfully requests that Senate Bill 210 be amended to include medical adult day centers. Thank you.

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