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Bill: HB1344 - Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders (Sagar Ghimire Act)

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Dear Delegate Bhandari:

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The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, is writing to express **SUPPORT for HB1344 - Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders (Sagar Ghimire Act)**– which would establish Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders.

Diversity

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Extreme Risk Protective Orders are a valuable tool in addressing issues such as suicide and homicide that can occur because of access to firearms and ammunition by an individual whose mental status leaves them vulnerable to such actions. A workgroup examining these Extreme Risk Protective Orders to help them improve at meeting their goals is welcomed.

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For these reasons, MPA urges the committee to **favorably report on HB1344 - Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders (Sagar Ghimire Act)**. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the MPA Executive Director, Stefanie Reeves, MA, CAE at 410-992-4258 or exec@marylandpsychology.org.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sincerely,

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