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**Testimony of Senator Melony G. Griffith in Support of Senate Bill 488**  
**Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption**  
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

I am pleased to present Senate Bill 488. In 2017, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that created a State sales and use tax exemption for medicine, medical supplies, health aids, and hygienic aids. Senate Bill 488 seeks to exempt additional pieces of medical equipment that have increased in demand as telehealth access has increased.

**Senate Bill 488 will:**

- Include thermometers, pulse oximeters, and blood pressure monitors in the same exempt category as other medical devices.
- Increase access to these devices for Marylanders, especially those with fixed incomes and medical vulnerabilities

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 488, I respectfully request a favorable report.