

SB748
Favorable With Amendments
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Dear Senators Pinsky and Kagan,

My name is Michele Westfall and I'm the chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MACDHH). I'm submitting my written testimony on SB748, and my position on this bill is Favorable With Amendments, because Maryland's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community has wanted a licensing and regulatory system for American Sign Language interpreters in Maryland for so many years, to provide consumer protection for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing Marylanders from bad, untrained, or unqualified interpreters.

Last year, I provided oral and written testimonies on a previous version of this bill because it had issues. This time around, I am happy to say that I support this bill with amendments. Please pass this bill with amendments.

Thank you,

Michele Westfall
Chair, Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing