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Maryland Senate  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**In Support of SB 781/HB 1018: Public Safety and Behavioral Health Improvement**

Members of the Maryland Senate's Finance and Budget and Taxation Committees.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 members and fully support modernizing the healthcare, and modernization of the delivery of behavior related health care services and support programs all across Maryland.

This bill would be a huge help in collecting and analyzing data related to behavioral health issues. Allowing agencies to better spotlight and target programs to those areas with the most need of services. What a huge boost to families that need the most help caring for their loved ones struggling with behavioral health issues. This bill would help to provide the necessary services and health care options needed to truly boost and modernize Maryland's behavioral healthcare crisis response systems.

So many families are still hurting financially from long term health care and related economic costs and hardships. We all can use a helping hand from this type of legislation that helps to update and modernize our state's behavioral health care service delivery model. Moving forward, we hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting our families of persons with behavioral challenges.

Let's please continue to build on this effort to support Maryland's citizens well into the future of healthcare, and development of innovative behavioral health treatment programs.

Please support SB 781 / HB 1018 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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