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The Honorable Delores Kelley, Chairwoman
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Bill: SB 740 – Maryland Parkinson’s Disease Registry (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc., (NPAM), the only professional association advocating solely for the over 8,011 certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed in Maryland, and the over 800 active members of NPAM, we are requesting your support for **SB 740 – Maryland Parkinson’s Disease Registry** which would establish a Maryland Parkinson’s Disease registry. Maryland would join those states with existing registries including California, Nebraska, Utah, Massachusetts, and, most recently, West Virginia.

PD is the second most common and fastest growing neurological disease in the world and the number of people with PD is expected to double by 2040. According to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, of the 6,030,517 people living in Maryland, 18,949 have PD.

This data would track the incidence of Parkinson’s Disease (PD) disease and its various patterns in the state, including potential geographic clusters and environmental exposures, would provide a real-world view of clinical practice, patient outcomes, safety, and comparative effectiveness, and could inform policymakers about health care disparities and the influences of social determinants of health. Establishing this registry will ensure that researchers have access to information as they explore treatments and a cure for PD.

Thank you for your support of **SB 740 – Maryland Parkinson’s Disease Registry**. Please contact Beverly Lang, NPAM Executive Director should you have any questions.

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Kindest Regards,

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